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CHARGES COLONY IS SAPPING SINO-ECONOMY

Shanghai, July 7.

A charge that Hong Kong was a "centre of speculation and smuggling, with deteriorating influence on China's economy and the livelihood of her people" was made today by the China Economist, an American-registered periodical published by Mr. John W. Powell as an economic supplement to the China Weekly Review.

"Direct responsibility for this unhappy state of developments is being denied and disclaimed in Hong Kong. And its argument may be quite correct," the periodical wrote.

"But this still does not alter the fact that the situation which formed the subject of alleged Chinese complaints (recently made by a ranking Nanking official that Hong Kong had failed to carry out the terms of the anti-smuggling pact which it entered into with China)—the prevalence of speculation and smuggling in Hong Kong—does exist, and in a big way.

"The situation has deteriorated to such an extent at the moment that it will serve no purpose to trace back the causes of the past and to fix moral responsibility on any party, if it can be fixed at all.

It will be more to the interest of all concerned to take a realistic view of the present conditions and to see what concrete measures can best be taken—here again without wasteful argument on the onus of responsibility—to check its further deterioration."

Commenting on the flow of capital from China to Hong Kong, the periodical emphasized that the effects of this action on China, and particularly on Shanghai, were extremely bad.

"As money flows out of Hong Kong, the demand for Hong Kong exchange increases. This has contributed, mainly, if not exclusively, to the rapidly depreciating exchange value of the Chinese national currency.

Smuggling Stimulants

"Hong Kong, with its limited facilities for proper investment, cannot absorb such accumulated amounts of idle funds. Even the speculative markets have been saturated. For this reason, smuggling, which even in normal times was an important feature of economic life of the Colony, so conveniently close to various South China ports, naturally became all the more intensified. This was, of course, spurred on by foreign trade control measures in force in China.

"Increased smuggling operations caused a further increase in the flight of Chinese capital to Hong Kong, which in turn stimulated greater speculative activity and smuggling. Another vicious circle is thus created, with the Chinese people as the principal victims.

"As long as this situation continued to work in the interests of Hong Kong, the Colony did not show any anxiety. As a matter of fact, the influx of Chinese capital into the British Colony has contributed no small share

toward the remarkable success in the rehabilitation of the Colony in the period immediately after the war. Hong Kong at that time certainly did not object or restrict the influx of Chinese capital."

Stressing the fact that "whatsoever its political status, Hong Kong has always been, and must continue to remain, economically a part of China," the China Economist said the prosperity of the island was "inseparably interlinked with that of the mainland, and any temporary boom in the industry and trade in Hong Kong, built up directly at the expense of China's economic deterioration, cannot last."

"Only Lead To Economic Ruin"
The periodical continued: "The further development of the present situation can only lead to economic ruin, for both China and Hong Kong. The question must be approached from a realistic view, and tackled on a practical basis. Exchange of hot words in a futile attempt to blame each other will not achieve any results.

"Hong Kong has now realized the effects which came after providing a haven for idle capital of China, and has openly expressed that it is not welcome. But this is not enough. Steps must now be taken to discourage, if not expel, this capital infiltration, since it is claimed to be unwelcome.

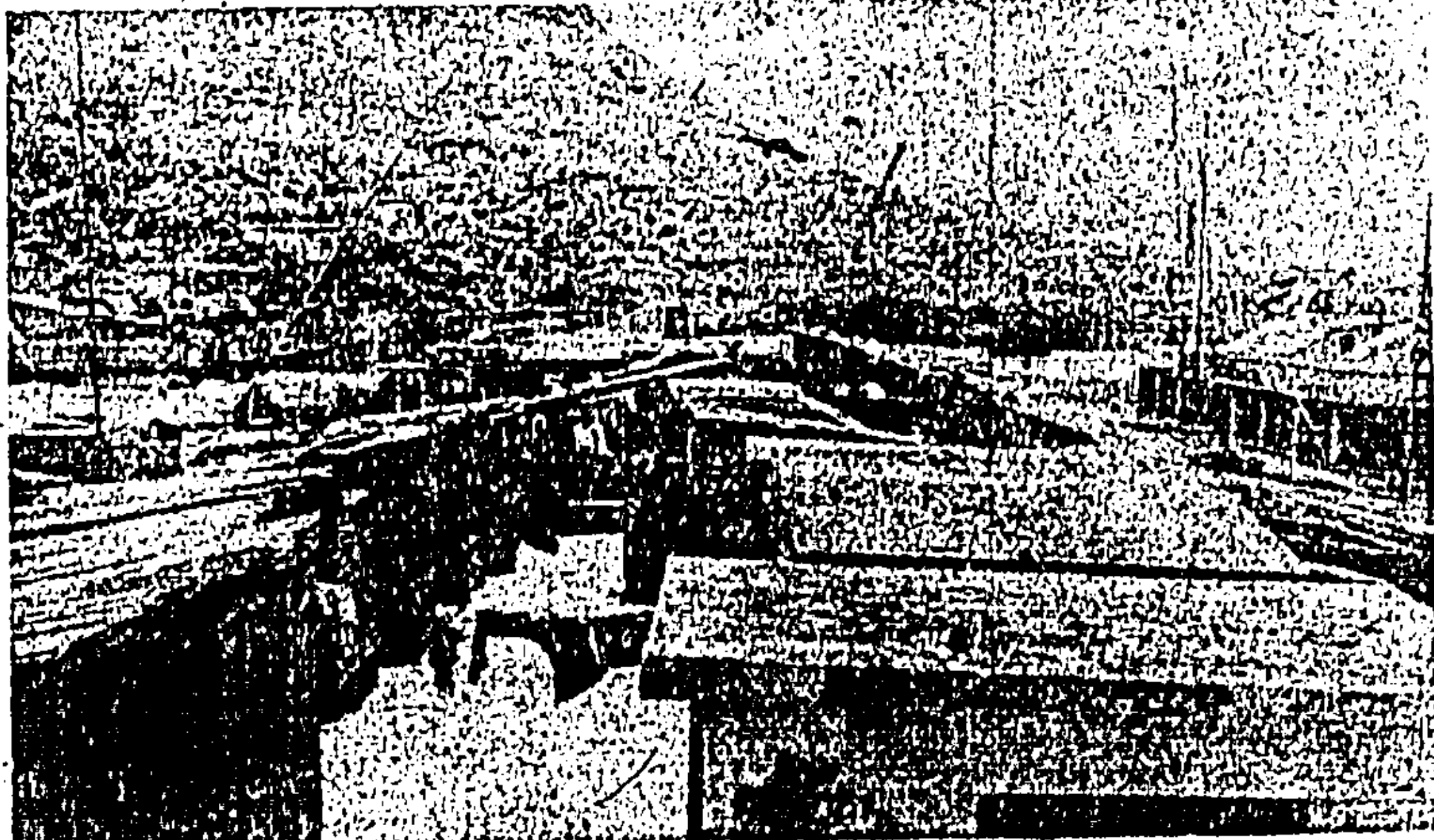
"As a priority measure to implement to the full the Anti-Smuggling Agreement with China, so that these illegal activities, if not completely obliterated, will at least be reduced to a minimum. "It is time for Hong Kong, for its own sake, to take all practical steps within its power to check smuggling and speculation. It is within Hong Kong's power to go all-out in rendering aid to the Chinese authorities to place all smuggling operations based in Hong Kong under control, as well as to curb illegal manipulations of the capital market in the Colony," the China Economist added.—Reuter.

JEWISH TERRORISTS KIDNAP FIVE BRITONS

London, July 7.

The British Foreign Office announced today that the Iraqi Jewish terrorist organisation kidnapped five unidentified British citizens from the United Nations truce commission headquarters in Jerusalem last night. The Foreign Office had no details about the Britishers except they were in a building flying the United Nations truce flag.

The truce commission protested to the Jewish authorities, and the British Foreign Office spokesman said: "The British Government takes a serious view of this and assumes the five British citizens will be released immediately."—United Press.



Colony Of Dirty Wood Penthouses In Wanchai Area

EXCLUSIVE TO THE "CHINA MAIL"
A roof-top colony of about 100 dirty wooden penthouses has sprung up in Wanchai as a result of Hong Kong's housing shortage.

A "China Mail" survey yesterday showed that in Wanchai the roofs of three large blocks of buildings were crammed with small one-room wooden shacks, each housing a small family.

The occupants in some shacks were Government employees—coolies and workmen employed in the Public Works Department and the Sanitary Department—office boys, rickshaw pullers, quarry workers, waterfront labourers, hawkers, beggars, and prostitutes.

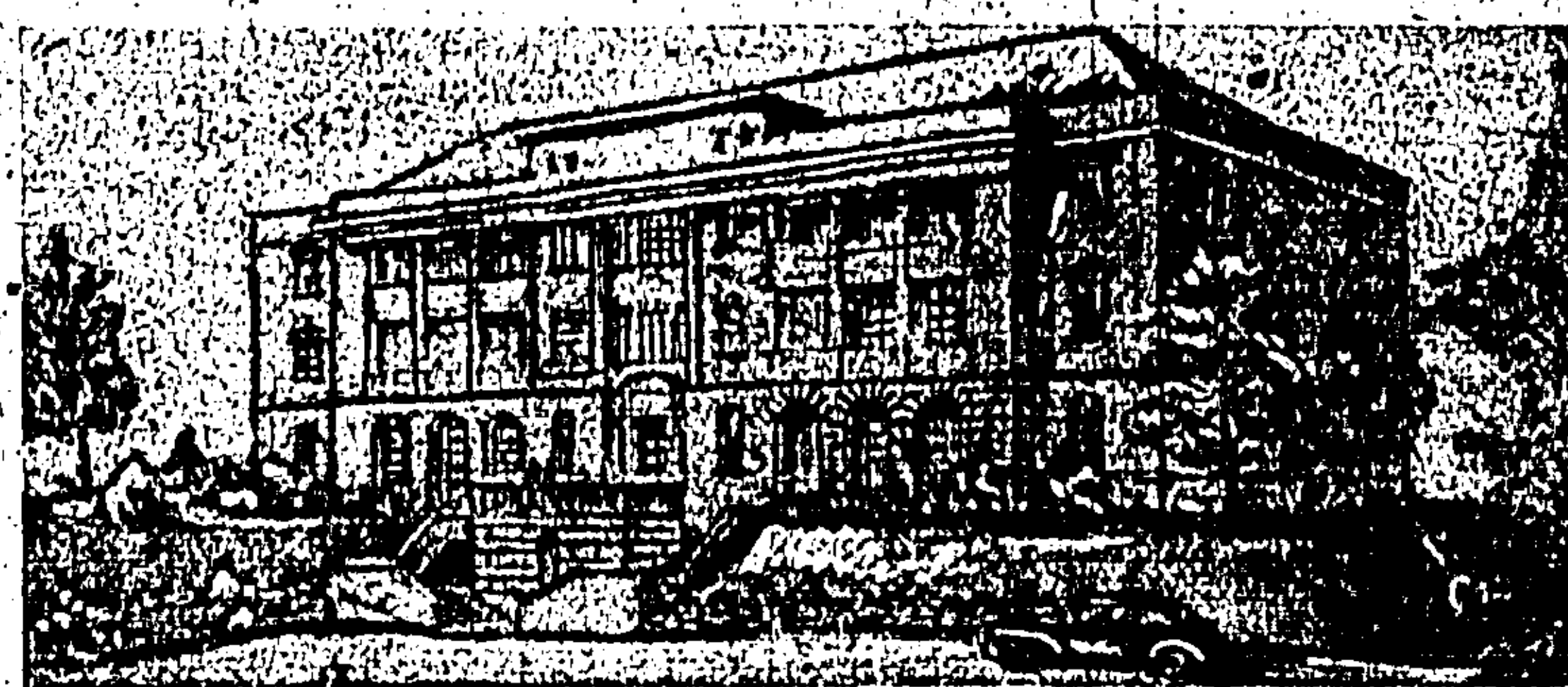
Some have been living in the roof-top shacks for two years; others for a few months. The blocks inspected by the "China Mail" yesterday were located near Hennessy Road, Luard Road, Gloucester Road, and Fenwick Street.

Lying On Boards
Most of the men were away at work yesterday. The women and their babies were lying on wooden boards inside the shacks, which were crowded with cooking utensils, old baskets and bundles of ragged clothes.

The shacks were made of timber waste obtained from a nearby timber mill. Paper and rags were stuffed between the boards to keep rain and wind out. The roofs of the shacks were covered with worn out oil-cloth, wrapping paper, and sheets of rusted tin. The penthouse colony obtained its fresh water supplies from a public street tap and carries it in buckets to the roof-top. They also make use of the public latrines in the street below but also use the roof-top drains. Some of the drains have been blocked by refuse. As a result there were pools of evil-smelling stagnant water yesterday when the inspection was made.

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GEORGIAN MANSION TO BE BUILT ON PEAK

A Georgian style mansion—the first to be built in the Colony since many years before the war—is shortly to be erected on the Peak.

Rescue A Habit With Him

London, July 7.

Life-saving seems just a spare time job for which Stanley Ashwell, 34 of Hornsey, London, was intended. Before the war, he swam to safety with a child in danger of drowning, and during the war, as a member of the Sea Rescue Service, he rescued a Royal Air Force Officer, who baled out over the East coast.

Yesterday, he was serving potatoes from a stall in Hornsey when he heard a woman scream. He looked up and saw a one-year-old baby, Dolores Cockerill, crawl out of a window nearly 40 feet up in the building opposite.

Dropping his potatoes, knocking people over in his rush and narrowly avoiding a speeding lorry, Stanley crossed the road and caught the baby in his arms after it had bounced off the ground floor window ledge.

The baby was taken to hospital with a cut in her head while Stanley went back to serve potatoes.—Reuter.

Auxiliary Phone Lines Discontinued

Installation of auxiliary lines for individual telephones has been discontinued by the Hong Kong Telephone Company, the "China Mail" was officially informed yesterday.

The auxiliary lines were introduced three months ago as a temporary measure to cope with the heavy demand for telephone services.

With the installation of the auxiliary lines, subscribers with one telephone are provided with an additional one, and are able to receive two calls simultaneously. Outcalls, however, can be made on only one of the two telephone lines.

"The 'China Mail' was informed that less than 500 subscribers have been provided with this new service. Most of them are Chinese banks and offices.

Increased load on the lines has compelled the company to stop the service.

"SOLEMN NEGOTIATIONS" CALLED FOR

Nanking, July 7.

The Government was today urged by 130 legislators to announce publicly the facts of the Soviet violation of the Chinese-Russian treaty of friendship and trade into solemn negotiations with the Soviet Union to rectify the situation, and if there should be no results from such negotiations, an appeal should be made to the United Nations.

In a resolution, the legislators criticised the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for its inaction and remaining silent in the face of the Russian assistance to the Communists and in the infringement of Chinese sovereignty.

The resolution cited the fact of Port Arthur and Dairen, still under Soviet occupation after three years, although the treaty had specified its return six months after the end of the war. The resolution also alleged Soviet removal of industrial equipment and material from Manchuria worth two billion United States dollars as well as the fact that bodies of Soviet soldiers were found among Communist dead in the civil war fighting, while Soviet artillery pieces, tanks and propaganda literature were among the trophies taken from the Communists.—Reuter.

ANOTHER JAP QUAKE

Tokyo, July 7.

A strong earthquake rocked the Wakayama district southeast of Osaka shortly after noon today. The Japanese Meteorological Bureau said shocks were stopped by the tremor.

There were no immediate reports of damage. The Wakayama district was hit by an earthquake in December, 1946 when 1,300 lost their lives.—Associated Press.

ITALIAN MISSION FOR MOSCOW

Rome, July 6.

The Foreign Office today announced that the Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, last night received the Russian Ambassador, M. Mikhaïl Kostikov, for a half-hour conference.

The spokesman said the talk concerned the departure of the Italian trade mission for Moscow later this month.—United Press.

PATRONS SEARCHED FOLLOWING ROBBERY

About 60 police searched each male patron as he was leaving the Cathay Theatre last night following the theft of HK\$1,150 and two watches from the theatre office shortly after 10.30 p.m.

"For Whom the Bell Tolls" which was being screened while the robbery was committed, attracted a capacity house and the search was not concluded till 12.40 a.m.

No arrests were made. Women, children and servicemen were not searched.

Ticket sellers had just entered the office when their takings when they were followed by four men, two armed with revolvers. There were 10 people in the office at the time. The robbers seized the money and two watches from the theatre office shortly after 10.30 p.m.

Alarm was raised immediately, the robbers' main entrance and exits were sealed.

Employees on the ground floor did not see any of the robbers come down the stairs and "it was assumed they had gone inside the theatre."

The Emergency Unit, together with Acting Chief Inspector Forrest, Detective Inspector "Tommy" Cashman, Detective Inspector G. E. Willerton, and a large party of Chinese police cordoned the building. Plainclothes Chinese detectives were also posted on the roofs of adjoining buildings.

Police waited till the show had finished then let patrons through the exits in single file, carefully searching each man. Patrons did not know the robbery had taken place.

The Weather

At 0400 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the typhoon was centred about 120 miles E. of Shanghai Peninsula moving NNE at 24 knots and continuing to lose intensity. It is expected to reach the coast of the China Coast to S. depression over the Gulf of Tonkin. A wedge extends from the Pacific anticyclone to Japan.

Today's Forecast: Light S or SE winds, weather changeable with occasional squalls, showers slightly during the morning. Some fair periods.

Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 83.5 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 73.5 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 2.9 hours.
Rainfall: 2.0 mm.
Total since January 1: 1,041.1 mm.
Average for 1947: 1,043.5 mm.
41.09 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Bar. at sea level: 1004.1 mm. 1004.5 mm.
Equal: 29.63 in. 29.64 in.
Rel. Humidity: 74 79 %
Dew Point: 77 80 deg. F.
Wind Direction: 11 W by S
Wind Force: 11 4 knots.
Tides: Time Rt.
High: 1018 8.3
Low: 1011 2.2
Current: 1111 0.8

EXPLANATION OF MEAT SHORTAGES

Recent shortage of meat in Hong Kong was due mainly to the local irregular slaughtering of cattle, it was officially explained yesterday. Another factor was the insufficient refrigerated shipping space on the regular run between Australia and Hong Kong.

The Colony has sufficient stocks of Australian meat to last until the end of the year, but issues of such meat are being made to meet minimum requirements, said the official statement.

It was added that if local supplies tend to drop significantly, issue of imported meat will be increased. Dealers, said the statement, expect Government to keep unlimited supplies on hand at its own risk and to make these available to the dealers without limit when it suits them.

The statement added that every pound of meat shipped from Australia to Hong Kong is one pound less for shipment to the United Kingdom. The question of shortage in Hong Kong is one which must be considered in relation to a United Kingdom meat ration of less than one pound a week.

It has been necessary, in the past, said the statement, to make

Ghostly Figures Plaguing Colony

Hundreds of ghostly figures reported to have been seen rushing from Blake Gardens into Tai Ping Shan Street at 3 a.m. on Tuesday, are said to have caused such a loud commotion that residents in the area were awakened from their sleep.

Residents in the Tai Ping Shan Street area say that the noise resembled that of a large number of people fleeing and shouting.

These residents say they were under the impression that a house had collapsed and that the ghostly sound which awakened them came from victims who had been trapped.

Street sleepers in Tai Ping Shan Street, who were also awakened by the noise, claim that they saw hundreds of ghostly figures come from the Blake Gardens into Tai Ping Shan Street and then disappear into thin air.

Speculation
Many explanations and strange occurrences have been given. Residents of one building in the area claim that many

TYPHOON TOLL IN TAIWAN

Nanking, July 7.

Six persons were killed, 23 injured and thousands rendered homeless in Taipei by a typhoon, which swept past Taiwan towards the Chinese mainland yesterday, with velocity of the wind estimated at 45 m.p.h., according to Chinese reports today.

Railway and highway communications in Taiwan island were completely disrupted. An estimated 15,000 houses in Taipei, capital of Taiwan, were torn down. Other buildings were submerged in water when the rain-swollen Tamsui River burst its banks.—United Press.

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RESULTS OF POLICE DRIVE ON HEROIN AND OPIUM DIVANS

Remanded from June 30, Lo Sing (31) was at Kowloon yesterday sentenced by Mr. W. H. Latimer to two years' hard labour and fined \$120 (or a further nine weeks) on four charges in respect of a heroin and opium divan at 17 Pakhoi Street, second floor.

The premises were raided by Det. Sub-Inspector V. M. Morrison and Det. Tse Cho during a Special Branch drive (organised by Chief Inspector J. Johnston and Det. Sergeant-Major Ju Muk) against Kowloon divans on June 29.

In Lo Sing's divan were found seven smokers, 1,550 heroin pills, 13 pots of prepared opium, three opium pipes and one for heroin, and 10 lamps. The smokers were fined \$25 each at the last hearing, while the drugs and smoking apparatus were confiscated yesterday on the application of Inspector J. Orem, who prosecuted.

Leung Chan, 46-year-old woman, had her opium pipe and a small quantity of prepared opium confiscated by Mr. Latimer yesterday. The articles were seized by Chief Inspector S. G. Smith.

Handbag Snatcher's Story

When Chau Kwok-cheung (25) ran into a public latrine with the handbag he had snatched from a 18-year-old girl, he was asked for money by a man. Thinking that the man was a detective, Chau parted with some of the money contained in the bag.

That was his story to the Police when he was arrested by Detective 102 at Shantung Street on the afternoon of July 3, according to Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth when Chau was charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with larceny from the person.

The victim, Wong Wan-han of 94 Shanghai Street, first floor, was walking along Shanghai Street in the early afternoon of July 3 when she lost her handbag, containing \$109 and a fan, snatched by a man who went up to her from behind.

Two days later, accused was arrested by Det. 102 at Shantung Street and admitted to being the snatcher. He told the Police that, after snatching, he ran into a public latrine at Nelson Street where he was asked by a man to hand over some money. Thinking that the man was a policeman in plain clothes he did so.

Later, he said, he met a Ko Lo Cheung ("Tall Man" Cheung) who had asked him to commit that crime. He gave the handbag and its contents to Cheung and received, in return, \$12.80 as his share.

SI Howarth went on to say that the Police believed that the watch found in the possession of the accused was purchased with the money in the handbag and that the \$14 was part of the loot.

Sentencing defendant to a year's hard labour, with a recommendation for banishment, the Magistrate ordered that the watch and \$14 be handed to the girl as compensation.

Wounded His Cousin

Yu Chin, aged 26, had a quarrel with his 14-year-old girl cousin Mak Chik-lan, in the kitchen of 37 Cheung-chung Road, first floor, on July 6, and struck her a blow on the head with an instrument, causing a lacerate wound.

When Yu was charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with assault, Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth said that it was one of those usual domestic disputes which often end in a fight.

Accused was bound over to the sum of \$100 for six months.

TRAFFIC CAUTION

Thomas A. Martin of Thomas Martin and Company, Prince's Building was fined by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday, after he was summoned for causing an obstruction with his car in Ice House Street on May 14.

Union Official To Appeal

Mr. Mak Yu-chuen, Chairman of the Naval Dockyard Workers' Union, has decided to appeal against the conviction against him made by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at the Central Court on June 26.

Mak was cautioned on a charge of possessing an unlicensed printing press—an improvised Chinese duplicating board.

At the Central Court, Mr. M. A. da Silva, representing Mak, argued on the definition of a printing press and contended that the duplicating board was not a printing press.

The appeal will go to the Supreme Court, it is being prepared by Mr. Silva.

Drivers' Traffic Breaches

Chan Sik-chee, driver of motorbus 3505, stopped at Jordan Road near Nathan Road to pick up a passenger on May 28.

He was seen by a traffic constable and summoned for "stopping at a place other than a bus stop for the purpose of putting down or picking up a passenger."

On his admitting the offence before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, Chan was fined \$5.

Another bus driver, Lai Pat, was fined \$50 and had his licence endorsed when he was found guilty on the summons of dangerous driving when rounding the bend at the 4½ mile, Castle Peak Road, on the evening of May 26.

For a similar offence, when driving private car 2441 near the junction of Boundary Street and La Salle Road on May 23, Woo Wing was fined \$35.

Seen at Castle Peak Road driving lorries not equipped with a complete spare wheel, three drivers were fined \$10 each. They were Chung Chun-kwong (lorry 5532) on May 20, Cheung Ching-pak (5008) and Chan Fan (5354) on May 27, Leung Yai-chi, whose lorry 6390 did not have a spare wheel on May 27 while at Waterloo Road was fined a similar sum.

Failure to take his lorry to a designated place of accommodation on May 21, east Chan Tin-kwan, driver of lorry 6250, \$15 when he admitted the offence yesterday. He was seen at Canton Road near Peking Road.

For a similar offence at Nathan Road near Salween Road on May 22, Tse Yiu, driver of public car 4224, was fined \$20.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Donald Brown prosecuted in all cases.

ACTRESS' SUICIDE EXPLAINED

Hollywood, July 6.
Unhappiness in love and financial instability, according to friends, were the cause of Carole Landis' suicide.

Studio sources said today that the four times married actress, who was found dead from an overdose of sleeping pills on Monday night, had been negotiating for the sale of her mortgaged home.

She had asked for an advance from the studio, as a film she was to start work on next week. It was learned she had bought lavishly in recent years and many of her accounts were long overdue.

She had started to retrench during the last few weeks. Among other things she released her publicity agent. Members of Carole's family said they were at a loss to explain her act.

Question Harrison
Her brother Lawrence said he would question Rex Harrison, British actor, about his association with his sister. Harrison found her body in the bathroom of her home. He said police he was a "very good friend" of Carole's.

Her maid, Fannie Holden, said Harrison had been a frequent guest at the Landis home, dining and swimming with Carole. Harrison said they had been discussing a picture they planned to make in Britain.

Harrison's wife, Lilly Palmer, flew from New York today to join him. There have been reports in Hollywood that she and Harrison are estranged. She declined to comment to reporters who met her plane.

Funeral arrangements are being made for Thursday. Associated Press.

Police Pensioner 70 Today

A veteran of two wars and a Hong Kong Police pensioner, Mr. W. A. Pepperell, today celebrates his seventieth birthday and his forty-first year in Hong Kong.

Popularly known to his associates as "Old Pop," the septuagenarian was a former member of the Royal West Kent Regiment in Africa, India and the Straits Settlements during the turmoil in those countries.

Mr. Pepperell, of Weymouth, Kent, saw action in the Boer War and World I. He was also active in the British-Malayayan encounters during the pioneering days of the Malayan Peninsula.

He arrived in the colony in 1907 and joined the Police Force, in which he served 25 years. Stocky and genial, Mr. Pepperell made many friends, many of whom are dead now.

Overtook At Bend

Summoned for driving car No 7455 without due care and attention on Island Road on April 28, Edmund Temple McMullen of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Co. was yesterday cautioned by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida.

Sub-Inspector A. Mudd said that defendant overtook a public vehicle on a bend in Island Road near the Stanley Village. His car was coming in the opposite direction and the other vehicle blocked the road. If the vehicle had been travelling faster there would have been an accident.

Defendant, admitted, overtook the public car at the bend. He had a good view of the road ahead and when he saw the approaching car was still able to pull up a distance away.

\$28,543. ROBBERY CHARGE

Chan Wan alias Chan Kit, aged 24, and Lee Tak-hon, aged 34, were charged at Central yesterday with committing an armed robbery at 70 Jervois Street at 11.30 p.m. on July 5.

They were remanded for three days.

Inspector T. C. Cashman is in charge of the case.

A 33-year-old Chinese woman, Chung Yung-sum, wife of a Chinese detective, is reported to have shot herself with her husband's revolver at about 11.30 p.m. on Tuesday and to have died from the injuries received.

The woman, who lived at 394 Portland Street, 2nd floor, Mong Kok, is said to have shot herself following a quarrel with a relative.

Sequel To Theft Of Light Bulbs

The theft of 86 cartons of electric bulbs from the North Point godowns of Anderson, Meyer and Co., by one of their clerks between January 2 and April 23, this year, had a further sequel at Kowloon yesterday.

Wong Him of the Kwong Yuet Electric Shop, 357 Shanghai Street, was summoned at the instance of Det. Sub-Inspector R. MacKenzie, for receiving 12 cartons on April 23, 10 on March 27, seven on May 17, and two on February 20, 10 on January 20, eight on January 14, two on January 10, seven on January 6, and 10 on January 2, well knowing them to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

Applying for an adjournment to the afternoon of July 18, Mr. C. A. Sutherland, Barrister, said that there were two accounts, books in the hands of the Police which the defence would like to have translated.

On Det. Sub-Inspector R. H. Woodhead offering no objection, Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr granted the defence application.

(On April 30, the clerk in question was fined a total of \$3,000, or 20 months' hard labour, and ordered to refund \$1,000 to the Company, or serve another month's imprisonment, when he pleaded guilty to receiving 10 cartons of lanterns by servant.

It was then stated by Det. Inspector Lam Yun-hon that defendant obtained the bulbs by making a delivery order out to the godown-keeper who handed the cartons to a transportation company for delivery to the Kwong Yuet Electric Shop. The theft was discovered when the godown-keeper went up to the Office and inquired of the cashier whether payment had been received for the bulbs. The matter was referred to Mr. Portman who handed the clerk over to the Police.)

Proceeds Too Paltry

Tan Hung was not satisfied with the \$4 he stole from 184 Fa Yuen Street, second floor, and went to a house two doors away to see whether he could add to his early morning's income, on July 2.

At 180 Fa Yuen Street, second floor, he awakened Pang Kong who was sleeping on the verandah. On seeing two or three men moving about, Pang immediately shouted out "Thief!" and gave chase to the fleeing men.

Ly, a colony detective, was arrested at 184 Fa Yuen Street, and told the Police that he stole \$41 from a jacket hanging on the wall of the first cubicle of that house. The owner, Lee Yung, a Chinese woman, when approached by Det. 999 said that she left the windows of the verandah open as the night was very warm.

Defendant, who had been in Hong Kong for only 28 days, was sentenced to a year's hard labour, and recommended for banishment, by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

AMATEUR MEDDLERS WARNED

Mr. W. H. Latimer, Coroner, issued a severe warning at Kowloon yesterday against amateurs meddling with radio sets, and advised all owners of sets needing repairs to call in the services of an expert.

Before the commencement of the inquiry into the death of the nine-year-old boy, Lai Hok-chak, who was electrocuted on the roof of 209 Apili Street, Mr. Latimer told Det. Sub-Inspector D. S. Roberts that the real purpose of the inquest was to give as wide publicity as possible to the great dangers attendant on amateurs meddling with radio sets, and the necessity for calling in experts to effect any repairs that might be needed.

Set Faulty
Mr. James Kay, Wireless Inspector of the Telecommunications Department, said that when called to 209 Apili Street, ground floor, on June 10 he examined and tested a radio set, and found it in a faulty condition.

An examination of the receiver showed that the antenna connection had been soldered to a point of 220 volts potential. Normally, the antenna connection in this type of receiver (an a.c./d.c. model) is made through a very high resistance and, in this case, the resistance, although installed, had broken down and someone, in order to get the receiver functioning, had short-circuited the broken resistance, resulting in a death.

Had a similar resistance been in use in the circuit with the antenna would have been unnoticeable. This should have been known to all experts in wireless, and the soldering must have been done by an amateur.

Mr. A. F. May, electrician of the Public Works Department, testified to having tested all the installations, including the wireless plug on the ground floor of 209 Apili Street, and to finding it in good condition.

Aerial Broke
Fan Shek-wan, schoolmate of the dead boy, said that they were on the roof having boxing lessons when a bamboo pole, used as an aerial, broke into two, and wires struck Lai Hok-chak who fell on to the ground and laid motionless with the wires around his arms.

Lai Kwok-wing, father of the boy, said that he was called to 209 Apili Street, ground floor, at 10 p.m. on the night of June 10 and identified the boy who was lying very still and breathing with difficulty as his son. He notified the Police and the lad was removed to the Kowloon Hospital. On the following morning he was taken to the Public Mortuary and identified the body as that of his son, Lai Hok-chak. A verdict of "Death by misadventure" was returned by the Coroner.

Toothpaste In Saddle

Chung Kwok-hung, a painter, found 17 tins of toothpaste in an old dilapidated cook-house opposite Shed 25 at the Royal Army Ordnance Corps depot at Shamshuipo on June 6, and put them inside a specially devised saddle cover on his bicycle.

Charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with stealing the toothpaste, defendant was fined \$40 or three weeks' hard labour in default.

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ZBW, ZEK To Move

Plans to move ZBW and ZEK broadcasting stations from Gloucester House, at present under construction, have been sent to London for consideration.

It was learned yesterday that the sixth and seventh floors of the new building, owned by Cable and Wireless, have been reserved for the two stations.

The plans, drafted by Mr. D. Keith Hardy, Secretary of ZBW, are now being studied by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Approval of the plans will give ZBW and ZEK more space and provide for a large auditorium to accommodate audiences up to about 200 people. The plans include new additional equipment.

Personalia

Among the arrivals yesterday by CPA from Bangkok were Messrs. A. P. Yung, M. A. Steiner, A. Tony, Hsu Yen-shih, See Wai-mun, Chan Wheng and Yang Wong.

Mr. and Mrs. S.H. de Kuntzow, Miss Churist Uy and Messrs. W. Kirkwood, F.D. Gardner, Donato Summan, M.K. Moschidis, Chun Bin, Si He, Go Chuy and Ong Tui, arrived in Hong Kong by CPA from Manila on Tuesday.

Among those who left the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Messrs. G.A. Glossop, J.C. Richards, W.M. Sturrock, F.S. Lo, G.G. Richmond, A.W. White, H.G. Wolf, Chester S. Mize, Mr. and Mrs. M. de Chazet, Mr. and Mrs. E. Zibicki, Mr. and Mrs. P.J. Herling, Miss M. Anderson, Commander R.A. Kilroy, and Mrs. Lam Shu-wa.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Lanning, Miss Agnes Shiver, Mrs. Joan Hulseworth, Captain and Mrs. D.A. Brudus, Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. M. Shaw, Miss Q.S. Wilkinson, Messrs. Y.K. Yu, U. Ba Maung, George Sisson, E.A. Wurch, R.A. Louell, R. Bruhn, and Emilio Bajana.

The wedding of Mr. Marvyn Colin Penn, Teacher, 21C Cannon Road, Kowloon, and Miss Aquella Ley, took place at the Supreme Court Marriage Registry yesterday in the presence of Mr. Walter Gray and Miss M.J. Fernandes.

Hundreds Of Pits In Death Throes

Newcastle-on-Tyne, July 6.

Some coal mines are working at a loss of £7 a ton and scores of others at a loss of £2 a ton, Mr. Arthur Horner, Secretary-General of the National Union of Mineworkers, told the annual Conference of miners here today.

He said that hundreds of British pits were "in their death throes and due to die." He attributed this to 10 years' delayed development and the working of the most prolific seams during the war.

Mr. Horner said that in September, a typical month last year, the mines worked at a loss of £338,191.

Warning that full employment depended on coal production, he said the coal target for the year was 201,000,000 tons of deep-mined and 12,000,000 tons of open-cast.

"If we fail to reach this target by 5,000,000 tons," he went on, "this country will have at least 2,500,000 unemployed."

Rotten Pits

Mr. Horner also warned that when the report of the first year's operation of the National Coal Board was issued next week, it would be surprising if it did not show a loss of more than £20,000,000.

He called for concentration and more modern machinery, and warned that the alternative was to go on working "rotten, out-of-date, inadequate pits, dependent

For his action in supplying British, American and Dutch prisoners of war with food and other necessities while they were billeted in his hotels after the Occupation, Li Kui-po, hotel proprietor, declared that he was arrested by the Japanese Gendarmes and detained in Victoria Gaol for 21 days, and tortured in a manner common to the Japanese.

Li, who also claimed that he had, at the request of Mr. F. W. Shaftain, provided him with a separate room for himself, although other prisoners of war were billeted at the rate of five to a room, produced letters from Sir Cecil Harcourt, Commander-in-Chief, Hong Kong, and Colonel F. D. Field, R.A., concerning the assistance given by him to Allied prisoners of war.

It was speaking at the Supreme Court yesterday when certain issues arising out of a partnership dispute concerning the Stag Hotel were heard before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge).

Mr. H.G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. M.A. de Silva, represented the plaintiffs, Lo Tze-chai alias Wong Ip Tong alias Fook Hing Tong; Li Kui-po alias King Sau Tong alias Cham Chak Tong, Ho Chup-suen, Wong Chan-ah and Tong King-fong.

The defendants, Ng Chuk-kam alias Pan Yee Tack, Mak Chi-ung alias See Chuk Tong alias Cham Tong Tong, were represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford and Mr. D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Mr. F.L.L. Lam.

The Issues

The issues before the Court were:

1. Has the partnership called the Stag Hotel, which was the original proprietors of the hotel business known as the Stag Hotel, carried on at 148-150 Queen's Road Central, been dissolved at any material time?

2. If not: (a) Does the said hotel business remain an asset of the partnership? (b) Who are the partners therein and (c) Is that partnership a constructive trust in receipt of monies, if any, provided by the defendants and used in the hotel business and if so, what are the terms of the constructive trust?

3. Did the hotel business or any interest therein at any time pass to or become an asset of a new partnership called the Stag Hotel? If so, what are the terms of the partnership?

4. If so: (a) What is the nature and extent of such interest and (b) Who are the partners therein?

Should any partnership found to be in existence by virtue of the foregoing issues be wound up?

Mr. Sheldon said that the facts of the case largely concerned the activities of Li Kui-po, who for many years had been the managing partner of the Stag Hotel. In addition, Li Kui-po was also connected with the Tai Koon, Mee Chow and Nam Ping Hotels.

Surrendered Shares

About 1943, certain differences arose between Li Kui-po and two others, Kam Tak-chuen and Lam Tin-see, concerning the Mee Chow Hotel, Kam Tak-chuen and Lam Tin-see desired to wind up the business of the hotel.

At the instigation of Lam Tin-see, who is now dead, Li Kui-po was arrested by a Japanese Gendarme named San Mo and placed in Victoria Gaol, where he was detained for 21 days and tortured.

Li Kui-po was only released after he had, under duress, signed a document surrendering all shares held by himself and his relatives in the Mee Chow, Nam Ping and Tai Koon Hotels to Lam Tin-see.

Shortly after his release, Li Kui-po heard that Lam Tin-see was about to instigate his re-arrest. He therefore left Hong Kong and did not return until after the re-occupation of the Colony.

Giving evidence in support of Mr. Sheldon's opening, Li Kui-po said that he had been in Hong Kong for 52 years and had been in the hotel business for 20 years. He was connected with the Empress, Nam Ping, Mee Chow, Stag and Tai Koon Hotels.

After the occupation of the Colony by the Japanese, they used his hotels for the purpose of billeting British, American and Dutch prisoners of war.

Mr. F.W. Shaftain, who was one of those billeted, asked that he be given a room to himself, although other prisoners of war were being billeted at the rate of five to a room. Li said that he complied with the request of Mr. Shaftain and in addition to providing him with additional food, gave orders to the hotel boys that they should not accept any money from Mr. Shaftain.

Told Gendarme

Li said that he also assisted other Allied prisoners of war and carried messages for them to their friends outside. His activities came to the knowledge of Lam Tin-see and in March 1943, when he had certain differences with Lam Tin-see, Li reported the matter to a Japanese Gendarme named San Mo.

Li asserted that he was arrested and detained in Victoria Gaol for 21 days, during which time he was interrogated and tortured.

He knew nothing about meetings of partners alleged to have been held in November 1943 and May 1945. The first time that he heard about these meetings was when he returned to the Colony.

Towards the end of November 1945, he was asked by Lo Ka-yun, who produced a partnership book, to acknowledge the new partners. When he refused to recognise the alleged new partners, his pay and "tips" were stopped.

After Li had been subjected to a lengthy cross-examination, hearing was adjourned until this morning.

230,000 FOOD PARCELS SENT FROM AUSTRALIA

Like Hong Kong, Australia has contributed its share in sending gift food parcels to Britain, where the food rationing system, introduced during the war, is still stringent.

Between December last year and the end of February, 230,000 food parcels, valued at £115,000, were sent in connection with the Lord Mayor of Sydney's "Food for Britain Express Gift Parcels".

The Mayor's campaign started two years ago in the form of voluntary donations to a central food fund in Australia.

With the proceeds, goods were bought and shipped in bulk to Britain. The Ministry of Food distributed the supplies to the poor and needy in various towns.

As this procedure lacked the personal touch, a "people to people" plan was introduced. An organization was set up in Australia to receive money for individual gift parcels, the goods for which were still purchased and shipped in bulk. The goods are packed into parcels on arrival in Britain for forwarding to the persons nominated by individual Australian donors.

Voluntary Workers

As packing in England by voluntary workers left loopholes for unscrupulous dealings, it was suggested that a commercial firm should be entrusted with the task. The "Neatle" organization stepped in and offered its co-operation. A depot for receipt and packing of the bulk supplies from Australia was set up at the Neatle factory at Staverton, Wiltshire, with the head office at Sydney.

Labels sent to the Australian office by donors are forwarded to Neatle's factory. Records are kept of their despatch and arrival and stock records are also strictly controlled in England and Australia.

When the labels arrive at Staverton, they are sorted into postal sections and attached to the repacked parcels. The time and despatch of is between four and six days. Within about three weeks of the handing in of the request in Australia, the parcels are delivered to the recipient.

CHINESE CHAMBER ELECTION

Mr. Ko Cheuk-hung was elected Chairman, and Messrs. Tse Yu-chuen and Wong Sik-ki Vice-Chairmen, of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting of the General Committee of the Chamber held yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was called to elect a Standing Committee of 20, from whose number a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen are chosen. They will hold office for two years.

Mr. Ho Shin-hung of the Gold and Silver Exchange was elected Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. Li Man-ki of the South China Paper Merchants Association, Assistant Treasurer.

Other members of the Standing Committee are Messrs. U Tui-ching, Au Ping-kwong, Li Tsun-sing, Chan Yau-yin, Pao Tsung-sung, Chan Kam-po, Kwok Chun-sing, Kwok Hin-man, Kwok Sui-tai, Chan Chung-chi, Chan Ching-to, and five representatives of member organizations of the Chamber.

Yesterday's election of Chairman and officials brought to a close the most bitter contest for office in the history of the Chamber.

The admission of 3,000 new members early in the year gave rise to strong opposition from members of the Progressive Party of the Chamber who characterized it as a vote-buying manoeuvre on the part of Mr. Ko Cheuk-hung.

Introducing New Members

When their protest proved unavailing, they made a counter-move by introducing 3,000 new applicants for membership, but the Standing Committee refused to consider the admission of new applicants until after the general election.

Persistent attempts to get these applicants admitted before the election failed, and the matter was taken to Court, which ruled in favour of the Chamber. The Progressive Party members have started out to form a new Chamber of their own, with a reported backing of some 6,000 members, among them being many of the applicants whose admission was refused before the general election.

READERS' LETTERS

Ferry Freight

Sh—Could you inform whether there are any regulations against passengers on the Star Ferry launches, carrying pieces of luggage in the first class?

At 1 p.m. today I was queuing up to buy a ticket from Kowloon to Hong Kong. A Chinese lady carrying a travelling bag and a basket, was told by the European Inspector to "get across to the Third Class side". The lady did as he was so politely requested, but the moment the VIP's back was turned, she changed back again to his original position.

I'll say this for the VIP. He certainly had a memory for faces, for no sooner was he back to the old pitch again than he recognised the boy. This time his remarks were more pointed. This article has been extremely good behaviour on the part of an overworked official, or was it, perhaps, just another one of those all-too-frequent exhibitions of good manners that is meant to promote Sino-British friendship?

ONLY AN ORIENTAL. (Editor's note: In case our correspondent is really asking for information, the carrying of "freight" by passengers is prohibited by regulation. This has been often ignored by the authorities in this case of obvious hand luggage, but still remains in force.)

Mah Jong Noise

Sir, During these summer days most of the people feel not enough of sleep partly because of the hot weather and partly because of the various sorts of the noises of which the "Mah Jong" playing is the main factor. Any people can hear clearly the shouting, applauding and arguing of those gamblers in the midnight and sometimes even at dawn. They seem that they have nothing to do in the daytime but we have already been the victims. We are occasionally awakened by such noises from our sound sleep and we can do nothing but murmur. It puzzles me so much that whistling of a motor vehicle at night in some district is strictly prohibited while some area have to bear the troublesome noises throughout the night. Should the law prohibit the whistle of a motor car after a certain time at night, is there a law against "Mah Jong" playing after midnight? If there is, why the police does not take action to the offenders, there is not, why the Government ignore the health of the majority and let them continuously suffering the night nuisance. On the contrary, some lucky residents in some specified district are protected by law not to hear even a single horn by the police. What a fine will be imposed to those who make troublesome noises after 12 p.m. Policemen should be instructed to take necessary action to such offenders.

W.L. YOUNG.

KCC DANCE

The Ladies' Committee of the Kowloon Cricket Club is preparing to give a Saturday night dance on one of the best of those now popular social functions. New artists have come forward to offer their talent for the evening. They include "The Mascuquander" (Ernest Parry), Mr. Plendeville, whose skill in playing has to be heard to be believed, and Mr. Spud Spary, who promises a novel musical act. There will be many other novelties at the KCC next Saturday, including a big prize list with prizes ranging from free return air trips to Macao to silver cigarette cases and other attractive silverware. Apart from the cabaret items and the supper interval, dancing will be from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

W.L. YOUNG.

PROHIBITION IN MADRAS

Madras, July 6. The Government will shortly legislate for the imposition of collective fines on any area where prohibition is unsuccessfully worked. This was announced today to pressmen by the Premier. Effective forthwith, the Government has banned all alcoholic drinks at official and semi-official parties. Associated Press.

Reminders

Today: R.A.F. Association Luncheon, Jubilee Room, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Y's Men's Club Luncheon, Robt. Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Mahjong Class, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Annual Swimming Sports of King George V School, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events: Tomorrow: Meeting of Cricket, Football & Hockey Section, Club de Recreio, 8.45 a.m. & 7.15 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Diocesan Boys' School Speech Day, 8.30 p.m.
H.K. Light Orchestra Technical 27th Anniversary Road, 8.30 p.m.

Tomorrow: Speech Day, St. Paul's Boys' College, Stanley, 2.30 p.m.
Cabaret Dinner, Kowloon Cricket Club, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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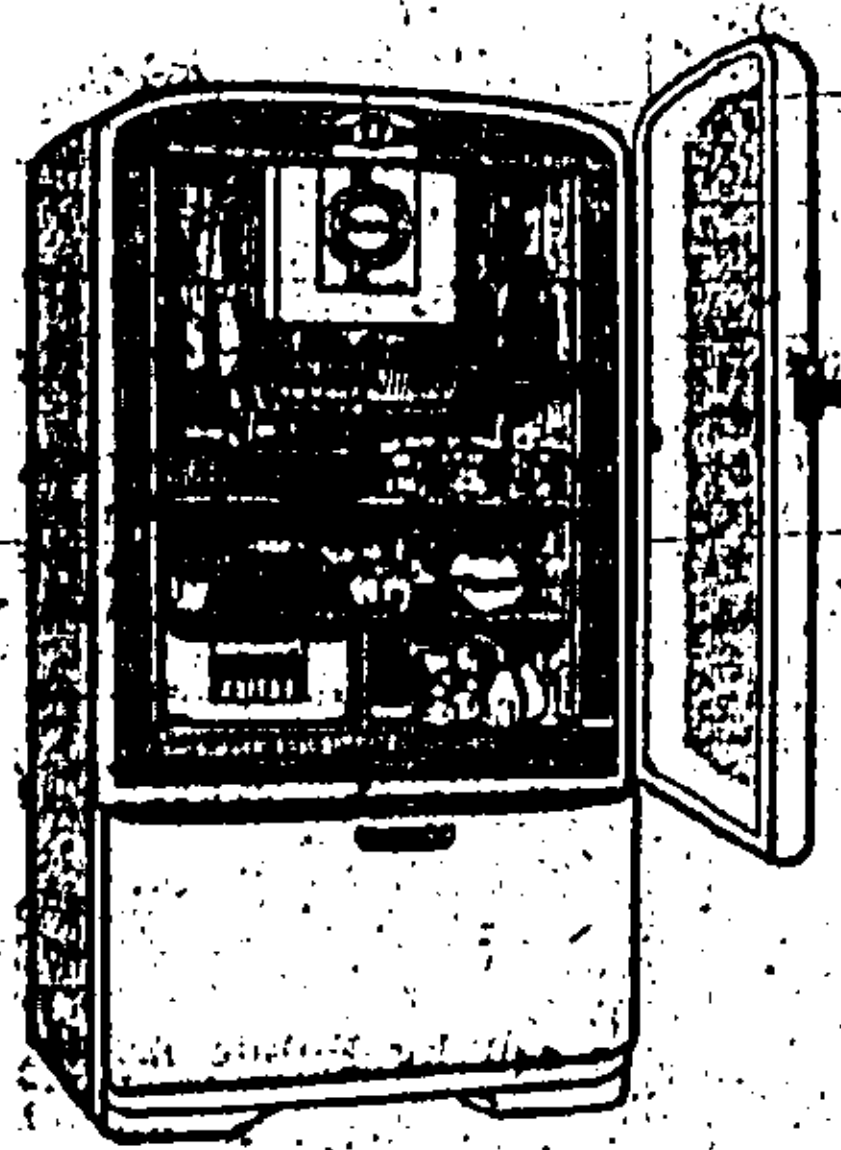
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COMMUNISM LOSING OUT IN EUROPE AND AFRICA

THE FIRST SIGNS OF OPTIMISM

Washington, July 6.

For the first time since the end of the war, Communism today is losing ground in Western Europe, Scandinavia, the Western Hemisphere, Middle East and Africa.

But it is beginning to show clear signs of renewed activity in Asia and despite the current Tito-Cominform dispute the situation is essentially unchanged in Eastern Europe.

These are the important conclusions drawn from a United Press survey of the potential strength of Communism throughout the world as viewed by government departments and intelligence agencies.

No responsible government official will say that the East-West struggle has been won by the

non-Communist powers, but the first signs of optimism are developing. It is admitted that many social, economic and political factors favorable to the Western powers outside Asia might abruptly give Communism a new life. In many areas where it is on the down grade Communism is still a menace.

The current Yugoslavia and Cominform dispute, unsuccessful Soviet efforts to drive the three big Western powers out of Berlin, improved crop condition throughout the world and success of the American bipartisan foreign policy are listed as important factors in gains against the Communists.

Trouble Spots

Possible Communist trouble spots in addition to Asia under close watch are France, Italy, Iran, several countries to the south of the United States and the Arab world. In those areas Communism under Moscow leadership is either strong internally or poised for quick moves from outside.

The consensus is that Communism in nearly all parts of Asia is being stepped-up in direct proportion to increasing signs of losses in Western Europe and elsewhere. Poor economic and social conditions of the Asiatic millions make the area a natural breeding ground for Communist propaganda. Communists are working overtime to spread the belief to Asiatics that United States attention has been focussed on Europe to the extent that it is "forgetting" Asia.

For East

Official reports indicate that only tiny Nepal, tribal Afghanistan, American-occupied Japan and Pakistan, of all Asiatic countries, are currently free from serious Communist activity. There are small Communist parties in operation in the latter two nations.

Communism in a greater degree is operating in Indo-China, Burma, India, Ceylon, Korea, China, Siam, Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies.—United Press.

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Cleveland's Fast Trip

San Francisco, July 6. The new liner President Cleveland arrived from Yokohama today in 10 days four hours and five minutes—the fastest crossing by a passenger vessel in 51 years.

Diet Did "Practically Nothing"

Tokyo, July 7. Japan's second Diet under the new constitution adjourned last night after 209 days in session. Major newspapers almost unanimously agreed the Diet had accomplished practically nothing.

Asahi said the Diet set a new record "in that it achieved virtually nothing." Sentiment echoed in most editorial reviewing the concluded session.

The papers seemed astonished that the Asahi Cabinet—the second which has held office during the just-concluded session—continued to live. The Tokyo Shinbun said the Asahi Cabinet's "unpopularly reached its height throughout the past few months."

The newspapers noted that the Diet had approved a budget boost and several predicted the legislature would have to be called back for a special session to consider a supplemental budget to raise funds to meet new wage demands of government workers. The budget was jammed through legislative in the final days of the session, SCAP officials insisting it be approved.

The Diet session produced political repercussions. Deputy Prime Minister Suetaka Nishio was accused of violating a government ordinance by failing to report a political donation given him by building contractors. The attorney general's office said he would resign his official post.

Social Democrats who led the Cabinet when the Diet session convened last December but went out of office when Premier Tetsu Katsumi's cabinet took office, were accused of splitting further into Left Wing and Right Wing factions.—Associated Press.

COMMUNISTS TRY TO EXPLAIN IT AWAY

Helsinki, July 6.

The Finnish Communists said today that an anti-Soviet whispering campaign, stirred up by reactionaries, was one of the reasons for Communist losses in last week's Parliamentary election.

The Communist-led Popular Democrats lost 12 of their 49 seats.

In an official proclamation, the Communists said the whispering campaign had been facilitated by an educational system which had inspired anti-Soviet feelings for 25 years.

Watching Students

Shanghai, July 7. The Shanghai Police have been alerted against possible movements by local students to show their sympathy with colleagues killed in the clash on Monday in Peking, according to Chinese reports today.

Minor agitation observed among the various colleges yesterday was possibly due to the typhoon and to the fact that final examinations are now in progress. Meanwhile, it is reported that 56 students, including 10 co-eds, were dismissed from the Great China University on Monday on charges of instigating "college nationalisation" movements.

Their activities are said to have violated college regulations and hindered the academic pursuit of fellow students.—Reuter.

New Cabinet

Despite the losses, Finnish political circles believe that the Communists and their allies will demand key posts in the new Cabinet.

Informants predicted a Cabinet will be formed only after long negotiations. A Government spokesman said preliminary negotiations will begin on July 12 when the present Parliament meets for the last time. Formal negotiations, however, will not begin until the new Parliament meets on July 21.

There were rumours that the Communists would back their demands for strong representation by strikes if necessary.

The Agrarian Party, which apparently will emerge from the election as Finland's strongest political organisation, probably will demand the Premiership, informed sources said.—Associated Press.

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SOVIET FIGHTER ACTIVITY IN AIR BRIDGE ROUTE TO BERLIN

RUSSIANS TRYING NEW TACTICS

Badin, July 6.
Warnings of Soviet fighter plane activity in the vicinity of Western air corridors leading to Berlin were given to American and British pilots tonight.

Warnings to fly above 5,000 feet, and remain well within the corridor were posted in the Tempelhof aerodrome briefing room.

"Several Soviet fighters came up and flew in formation with one of our planes, about three p.m. this afternoon," the briefing officer told the United Press. "Four or five of our planes reported unusual Soviet fighter activity this afternoon in the area between Fulda and Berlin. Several said Soviet fighters came up and 'looked us over'."

The Tempelhof briefing officer said Soviet fighter activity near the air corridors, which are the sole remaining supply routes be-

tween Berlin and Western Germany, had "increased noticeably in the past couple of days."

New Tactics?
"They seem to have been unusually busy today," he said.

It was believed increased fighter activity was the beginning of the Soviet campaign to crowd Western Allied planes off the airlines over which they have been flying 300 and more planes daily in their drive to beat the Soviet-imposed "hunger blockade" of Berlin.

Russians protested against landings of big British Sunderland flying-boats on Lake Havel, next to British-operated Gatow airport, charging that the waterways in and around Berlin were under Soviet control. The Sunderlands are part of the giant Western Allied air fleet pressed into service to break the Russian blockade.

The protest was despatched to the British by the Soviet Director of Water Transport, who declared Lake Havel was closed to landings by Western Allied planes.

AMERICAN MINERS WALK OUT

Pittsburgh, July 6.

A walk-out of 40,000 coal miners in pits owned by steel companies began today and the bulk of commercial miners in Western Pennsylvania staged a sympathy walk-out.

The total coal production in Western Pennsylvania, which employs 50,000 miners was only 20 per cent of normal.

The big United States Steel Corporation reported all 14 of its Pennsylvania mines, employing 70,000 men, idle, resulting in a daily loss of 55,000 tons of coal.

The "captive miners" (those whose output goes to a parent firm like a steel company) stayed away from work because of lack of a contract. The steel companies refused a new contract because of a Union shop provision.

—Reuter.

MISSIONARIES TO WED

Boston, July 6.

A missionary romance was reported from China by the American Board of Foreign Missions today with the marriage of fourth generation missionaries in Tientsin.

The bridegroom is Edward Clark Riggs, MD, of Denver, Colorado, a former Army Medical Corps Captain, and the bride is Frances Louise Whitaker, RN, herself a native of Peiping, and daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Whitaker, Congressional Christian Missionaries in Tientsin. —Associated Press.

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London, July 6.

The engagement was announced in London today of Princess Helene Henriette Marie de Ligne of Belgium to Peter Francis Whitwell, a London stockbroker.

The Princess is the youngest daughter of Prince and Princess Albert de Ligne of Brussels, one of Belgium's old titled families.

Mr. Whitwell, 37, was an infantry major during the war. —Associated Press.

Sterling Pact Postponed

London, July 6.

The signature of the sterling balance agreement between Britain and India has had to be postponed "probably until Thursday," it was learned from an official British spokesman today.

Agreement has been reached on all points, it is understood, and now only the matter of the final draft remains.

The agreement with Pakistan, however, was understood to have reached not such an advanced stage as that with India, and signature was expected to be delayed until the week-end.

—Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

WOES OF A BRIDGE MAN
WHENEVER a writer of bridge pulls a boner, such as reporting a card played on an early trick and then used again on a later one—and we all do it—his avalanche of mail shows how keen are his readers' minds. "I'm sure you will wish to correct yourself," writes one who should have said "kick yourself." Another says: "If you intended to start arguments with this hand, let me congratulate you on your overwhelming success. Bessie concedes 5-Clubs could be made because you said so and I say it is impossible."

S. K 6 7 5 3 2
H. 6
D. 10
C. J 8 5

S. A 4
H. K 10
D. A 9 8
C. K 10 6

S. None
H. A J 8 5
D. K 7 6 3
C. A Q 7 4 2

Bessie's confidence is deeply appreciated, but South's 5-Clubs doubled by West whose diamond bid had been supported by East, can be made only with a bit of help. The play reported in this column a month ago showed South ruffing the spade-A, laying down the club A and leading the club Q to the K. West scored the diamond A and returned the 8 to the K. The club 2 was led for a finesse of the 10, the spade 3 was ruffed with the club 7 to establish the suit. Now, we reported, although South had already used five spades, "the club 4 to the J cleared trumps" and spades were run in so many words, we had South using the club 4 twice.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. A Q 8 6 2
H. Q 4 3
D. A 7 5
C. None

S. J 7 4 3
H. 10 7
D. Q 9 4
C. 10 3

S. 10
H. None
D. 8 3 2
C. A K Q J 8 6 5 4 2

(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)

After North's 1-Spade and East's 2-Hearts, what would you bid on South's freak?

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LIFE IS GRIM In Fear-Haunted Germany

In this article a special correspondent, recently returned from a tour of Germany, describes how the people are living, and quotes a Control Commission authority for the statement that 30 per cent. of the population are virtually starving.

THE Germans accept the British occupation with varying emotions—resignation on the part of the apathetic, relief on the part of those seeking to exploit the political situation. Fearful? Yes, I found that there is an ever-present fear of the Russians among the German people. Insofar as it results in the acceptance of our administration and a reasonable readiness to co-operate with us these apprehensions are not without advantage.

But the German Communists make capital out of this fear. They are undertaking a door-to-door canvass, I was told, during which they tried to cajole citizens into joining the C.P. on the promise that their members would be safeguarded when the Russians came.

These extremists make great play, too, with the aim of German unity, an objective which must, of course, be one of the main planks in the programme of every German party.

Reds Not Strong

HOW strong is the Communist movement in Germany? One of the highest authorities in the Central Commission assured me that it was small and did not make much headway. As everywhere else, he said, what they

Italian Strike Spreads

Rome, July 6. The Italian Army today took over the distribution of petrol in Rome as the strike of petrol workers, which threatens to paralyse air and road transport, entered its seventh day.

Most tankers arriving in Italian ports with petrol given free by the United States under the European recovery programme found the docks deserted. In Leghorn yesterday, police took over the work of unloading. The strike is part of a general labour agitation for a leveling up of labour salaries to meet the cost of living. The Italian General Confederation of Labour has organised a week's programme of half-day strikes, beginning today, with a strike of chemical workers. Tomorrow, electrical workers will strike and on Thursday steel workers.

The Trade Union Council threatened "still more serious measures" if the present strikes are not successful in bringing about a general pay increase. —Reuter.

Bent On Ike For President

Washington, July 6. Ignoring the latest "no" from General Dwight D. Eisenhower, a stubborn group of "ditch Truman" Democrats grudgingly renewed today their drive to nominate General Eisenhower for President of the United States.

General Eisenhower, said, he could not accept the nomination. They hoped, however, he would not refuse to run. It chosen by the Democratic National Convention opening next Monday.

But other politicians were freely predicting a first ballot victory for President Harry Truman, and Democratic National chairman J. Howard McGrath seized the opportunity to call for Party unity — for "proclaiming the achievements of our Party and its leadership."

Mr. Truman, returning to Washington from Missouri, had "no comment" on General Eisenhower's statement. But aides said the President felt that the only formidable threat to a first ballot Truman nomination had been removed. —Associated Press.

lack in numbers they made up in general noise and energy. General Sir Brian Robertson, the British Military Governor, has just rejected the application of the "Socialist People's Party of Germany." This change, had previously been described to me as "pure camouflage," designed to mislead the unthinking into joining the Communist organisation, and especially to attract the small trader and the professional classes.

Of course the Russian policy in Berlin, as has been bluntly stated by our own Ministers, is to make things uncomfortable for the other occupying Powers, but the British Administration in Germany firmly adheres to Mr. Bevin's declaration that "We are in Berlin by right and we stay."

OUR authorities have been tremendously impressed by the staunchness of the anti-Communist Germans in the capital. The more responsible German politicians will, privately, welcome the Six-Power agreement for a unified Western Germany under a constituent assembly, for it marks a major step forward towards self-government.

But they will not do so publicly. They would be risking political suicide if they were known to support any measure which had a severed Germany as its basis. Further, by marking their opposition they might hope to gain greater concessions from the Anglo-U.S.-French controllers.

Slow Recovery

USR the word "controllers." It would cause quite a smile among a lot of Allied officials in Germany who find their orders to advise but not to dictate a little frustrating. Authority in administration has been given to the Germans — and, until it is seen to have failed, that is that.

Economically, Germany is recovering, although slowly. Coal production rose to 300,000 tons, the lowest possible total to allow of any exports. The target was 400,000 tons, and seemed likely to be reached. But also it has fallen back to about 270,000 tons. The reason? Well, one contributory cause is the assiduity with which miners and their families are tending their allotments and small holdings. Their ordinary

work, seemingly, is often taking second place to the task of growing food.

These miners, in the Ruhr area at least, have had the advantage of such new housing schemes as are in operation — and naturally, they get the nations of the heavy workers.

Empty Shops

As German industry recovers and as Marshall Aid begins to flow the shop windows will all and output is then expected to rise steeply.

Full shop windows are regarded as the best incentive of all; if I may digress for a moment I would give the opinion of one or two British businessmen I met crossing Belgium about the causes of that country's comparative prosperity.

The Americans, one said, had to pay for their "occupation" of Belgium while the Germans were being rolled back and the payment was made in part at least by American goods. These filled the shops and automatically produced by Belgian workers rose wage packets.

What, I wondered, would the effect be on production at home if goods flowed more freely into the shops?

Careworn

THESE Germans are not a happy-looking race. Not surprisingly there are careworn lines on the faces of the women, and the men's features are often set. But the children did not lack animation.

I looked for listlessness such as a younger generation on low rations and limited diversions might be expected to have. On the contrary I found bright kiddies, adequately dressed. The school children with their inevitable satchels and the little girls appealing with their pigtails, were quite a happy throng.

In processions marking religious festivals through ruined streets of cities, they looked as healthy and as pleasantly clothed as our own children on high days in Britain.

Were these superficial impressions? A high official in the Control Commission sadly assured me that they were. There were many many children who would have wished to have taken part in those processions, but were unable to do so because they were ill, had no shoes, or had no suitable clothes. Thirty per cent. of the people are in a really bad way — are, in fact, virtually starving.

AMAZING SCENES IN PRAGUE PARADE

Prague, July 6. Cheers for Marshal Tito and Yugoslavia rang out in Prague today as thousands of Czechoslovakian gymnasts marched through the rain in a parade climaxing the 11th Sokol games.

Extra police were on duty with the announced purpose of handling traffic, but anti-Communist Sokol members commented that the police would be handy in case any demonstration was made against the Government.

The games and mass manoeuvres, in which some 20,000 persons have taken part, have attracted thousands from other countries.

The Sokol organization's leadership was purged after the February coup in which the Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia. Many of its members are ardently anti-Communist. —Associated Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Miss Bland, please notice how I spell my name on the pink slip in your pay envelope this week."

BACK TO 1926 BUT NOT THE SAME

Britain put the clock back to 1926 when Mr. Attlee, the Socialist Prime Minister, announced the proclamation of a State of Emergency.

No such step has had to be taken in time of peace since the very life of the nation was threatened by the General Strike.

How is it that, under a Socialist Administration, an industrial upheaval impels the Government to put into operation the drastic emergency powers of war-time?

Their Own Union

Consider the words of Mr. Harry Constable, delegate of the London unofficial dock strike committee, when he made his hysterical appeal to the Liverpool dockers that succeeded in spreading the strike to the Merseyside: "We are on the floor, and they have the boot in our guts. For God's sake, help us."

By LESLIE RANDALL

tantamount to a vote of no confidence in the boards of the State-owned industries.

It had the support of a great number of the delegates from the political constituencies. Actually, the incipient revolt was quelled by Mr. Will Lawther, the miners' president, and Mr. Arthur Deakin, chief of the Transport Workers' Union.

The Great Dock Strike was a threat to the system on which the Government have greatly relied for the maintenance of industrial control by employers and employees.

Conciliation machinery exists providing for consultation with the miners in each pit and right up to national level. On paper, a miners' strike just should not happen, but the men at man-eccentric have come out in defiance of the Coal Board and their own union.

The Dock Labour Scheme provides for joint control by the workers and the port employers. The union representatives must agree to the rate for the job, and to any penalties that are imposed for breaches of discipline.

What They Forgot—

Such an arrangement was thought to be strikeproof. But because a gang of 11 dockers would not agree to the rate agreed by their own representatives for loading bags of zinc oxide, the great Port of London was brought to a standstill.

The factor that has been overlooked in all the elaborate structure raised to guard against industrial unrest is the human element—the disinclination of the more turbulent trade unionists to accept orders and discipline from those who spring from their own ranks.

The plain fact is that the dockers would not submit to the drack of the whip from Mr. Arthur Deakin and other paid officials of their union.

When Ernest Bevin formed this huge organisation 20 years ago it was said that he modelled it on the great American labour organisations, whose structure he had studied on a visit to the United States.

The general secretary is elected by the ballot vote of the members. But, once elected, the job is his for life. He can be deposed only by a unanimous vote of the rank and file. So Mr. Arthur Deakin, who succeeded Mr. Bevin, is in an unassailable position. Other paid officials are appointed, not elected. The militant section of the rank and file are inclined to look on them as the creatures of the hierarchy at Transport House.

—And Now The Test

The union covers a dozen major industries, and sprays over many minor trades. With a membership of 1,300,000, it is the largest trade union in the world. It has 25,000,000 in the kitty.

Only an Ernest Bevin could effectively control such a conglomeration of diverse interests. No wonder the present leaders, accused of having become remote from the rank and file.

No one has been more surprised and shocked than Mr. Deakin by the collapse of his authority. The testing time of the men who rule Britain's trade union empire is at hand.

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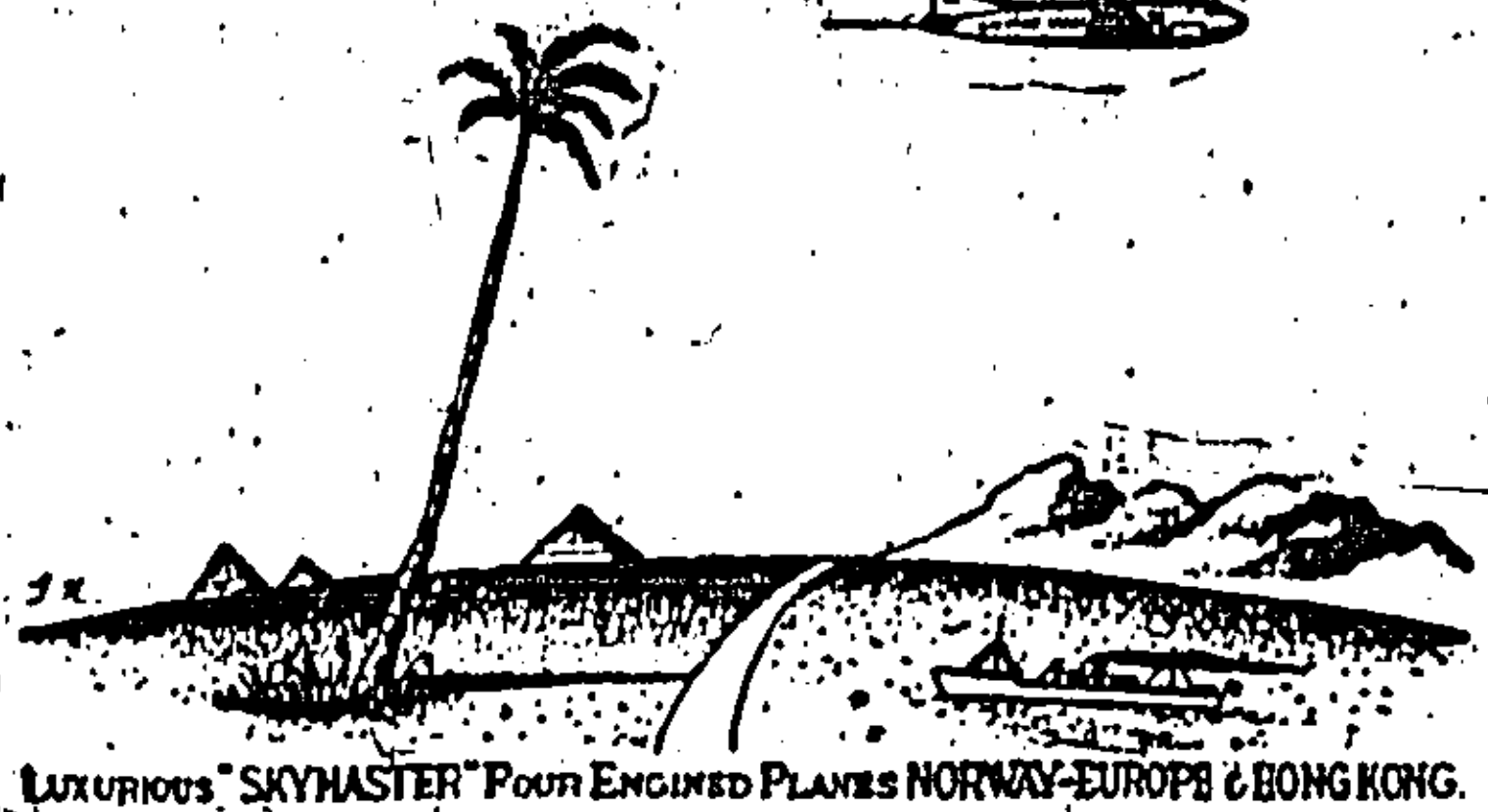
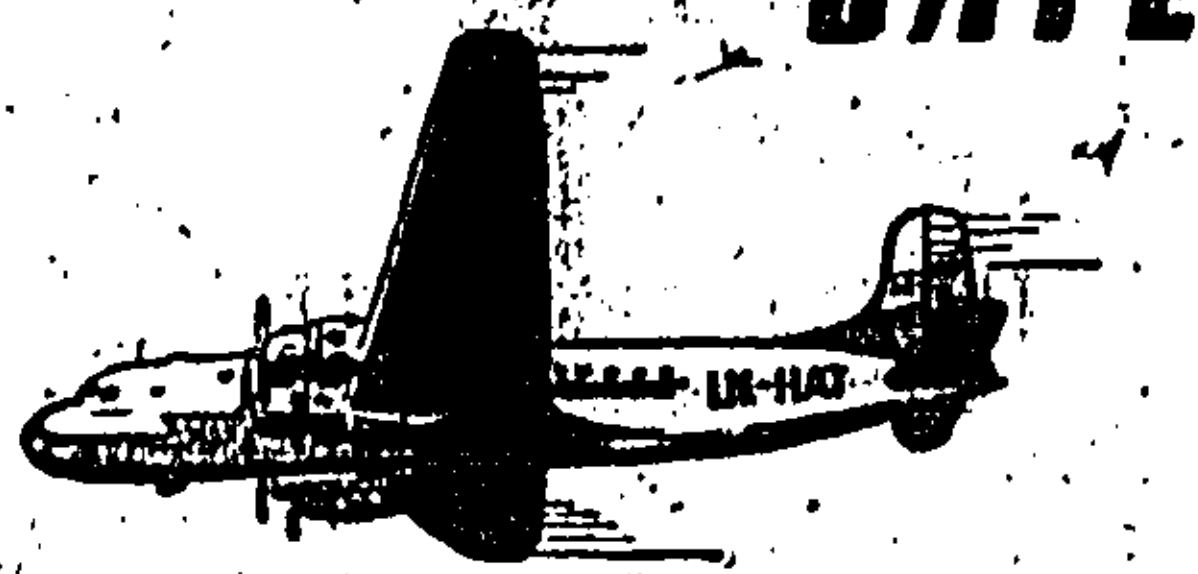
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POWERS' NOTES TO MOSCOW

"Stiff" Representations On Blockade "Extremely Serious" View Of Berlin Crisis

Washington, July 6.

The United States, Britain and France today called upon the Russian Government itself to lift the blockade of Berlin. They warned the Kremlin that the Western Powers take an extremely serious view of the German crisis.

Notes were handed simultaneously by the United States Secretary of State, George C. Marshall, to Ambassador Alexander Panyushkin in Washington, by Ernest Bevin, Britain's Foreign Secretary, to Ambassador Georgi Zarubin, and in Paris by a special messenger to Ambassador Alexander Bogomolov.

It was officially announced in Washington that the text of the American note would be kept secret until the Soviet Government had had a reasonable period of time to study it and to make a reply.

It is understood that Britain and France will also refrain from publishing the text of their notes, known to be similar in content but reported by diplomatic sources to be differing in tone.

In the course of 10 days consultations in London, France was understood to have urged a moderate line but London sources declared that the tone of the British and American notes were "stiff".

It was also noted in this respect that the Soviet Ambassador was "summoned" to receive the notes in Washington and London but that the French note was delivered to the Ambassador.

Not Ultimatum

Informed observers in London expected that the British note reiterated the Western Allies' legal right to be in Berlin and of their responsibilities towards the population there.

The note is in no sense an ultimatum and does not suggest what steps the Western powers intend to take if Moscow refuses to raise the traffic ban. It is understood to preclude the possibility of a four-power meeting to renew discussions of the whole German problem as had been urged by the eight-power Warsaw Conference, unless there is some definite gesture from the Soviet side showing a readiness to break the deadlock which has arisen.

By taking the whole Berlin crisis away from the plane of negotiations between the Military Governors in Berlin and raising

it to the plane of direct negotiations between the four Governments concerned, today's British note, together with the parallel United States and French notes, has opened a new and considerably greater phase in the whole Berlin dispute.

Two Days?

In Washington, diplomat observers were attaching some significance to the fact that the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, gave the Soviets "a reasonable time" to reply to the note before making it public. This was expected to be at least two days.

This has led to the belief that Mr. Marshall may have suggested a definite course of action for the Soviet Government to take, failing which, the three Western powers would take more drastic action.

The Soviet Ambassador, M. Panyushkin, accompanied by an interpreter, entered and left Mr. Marshall's office smiling. He was greeted by a battery of newsgirls and newspaper photographers, but declined all specific comment.

He said afterwards that he exchanged no general views with Mr. Marshall on the Berlin situation during his brief interview. Associated Press.

MARSHAL BULGANIN IN BERLIN

Berlin, July 6.

Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, a member of the Soviet Union's Politburo, has arrived in Berlin, political circles in close touch with Russian military headquarters said tonight. Marshal Bulganin is Minister of the Russian Armed Forces and Vice-Chairman of the Soviet Council of Ministers.

It was impossible to obtain official Russian confirmation or denial of the report. High civilian personages have been moving frequently between Moscow and Berlin in the past few months, according to reports here.

M. Vladimir Dekanov, the last Soviet Ambassador to Germany and afterwards a Deputy Foreign Minister, is also said to have visited Berlin five times between January and the present.

He is reported to be directly responsible for the political incorporation of the Soviet Zone into the Soviet sphere of influence.

Colonel Michin, of the Soviet Military Administration in Berlin, is reported to have similar responsibility for its economic incorporation, particularly in regard to foreign trade. He was one of the Soviet representatives at the unsuccessful last-minute attempts to reconcile the Eastern and Western views on a uniform currency for Berlin. —Reuter.

IF HITLER HAD BEEN MURDERED

Nuremberg, July 6.

The success of the July 20, 1944, plot on Hitler's life would have led to civil war, a German former General and honorary Judge of the notorious People's Court testified here today.

Speaking in his own defence, General Hermann Reinecke, on trial with 12 other German Generals for war-crimes and crimes against humanity, said he did not volunteer to become an honorary judge in the infamous People's Court, but was proposed by General Freisler.

To his counsel's question whether his activity in the Court imposed a burden on his conscience, he said, "No, not at all."

Reinecke, holder of the Golden Party badge, and honorary badge of the Hitler Youth, said he did not want to be a judge in the trial against the Generals involved in the plot. He was summoned by the notorious presiding Freisler and was unable to back out.

"No influence was put on me in deciding judicial questions," he said, but he added that Freisler himself conducted proceedings and was permitted to put questions to the defendants. He said Freisler was a Communist; he was captured by the Russians in 1918 and had spent years in Russia.

July Plot

"Freisler was anything but a typical German judge," stated Reinecke, "but he was extremely skillful in obtaining his aims." He did not approve the plot on Hitler's life as he considered it impossible to liquidate a political system which was so broadly spread out as Nazism and was founded on a broad base.

"This system could not be smashed by a general putch," he said, but he added that it would have had the same result as the Kapp putch and led to strikes and civil war and Hitler might have become a martyr.

In his opinion, Reinecke added, all participants in the July plot had violated the military code of the Third Reich. "They were considered high treason and the only possible sentence was death," he said.

MONTGOMERY IN PARIS

Paris, July 6. Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, will arrive here tomorrow for a meeting with the British and French military leaders.

General Montgomery, who is also a member of the French High Command, will be accompanied by his wife and two children. He will be met at the airport by the French High Command.

Offence Against Religion

Turin, July 6.

Luciano Rolando, 20, a militant Leftist orator, was condemned today by the Turin Tribunal to eight months' imprisonment for an "offence against religion."

Rolando was tried and condemned for statements he made in January 1947, charging that Pope Pius and the Italian Catholic Premier, Alcide de Gasperi, had divided UNRRA supplies between themselves.

The suit was brought by Catholic Action on a count of an "offence in public against the head of a foreign state (the Vatican) and offence against the religion of the State."

The first count could not be applied owing to lack of the "pre-determined intent of the Minister of Justice." —United Press.

Mountbattens At No 10

London, July 6.

Prime Minister Mr. Clement Attlee and Mrs. Attlee tonight gave a dinner at 10 Downing Street in honour of Lord Mountbatten of Burma, recently retired Governor-General of the Dominion of India.

Those present included Countess Mountbatten, Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, Viscount Addison, Leader of the House of Lords and former Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, The Earl of Lathom, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs.

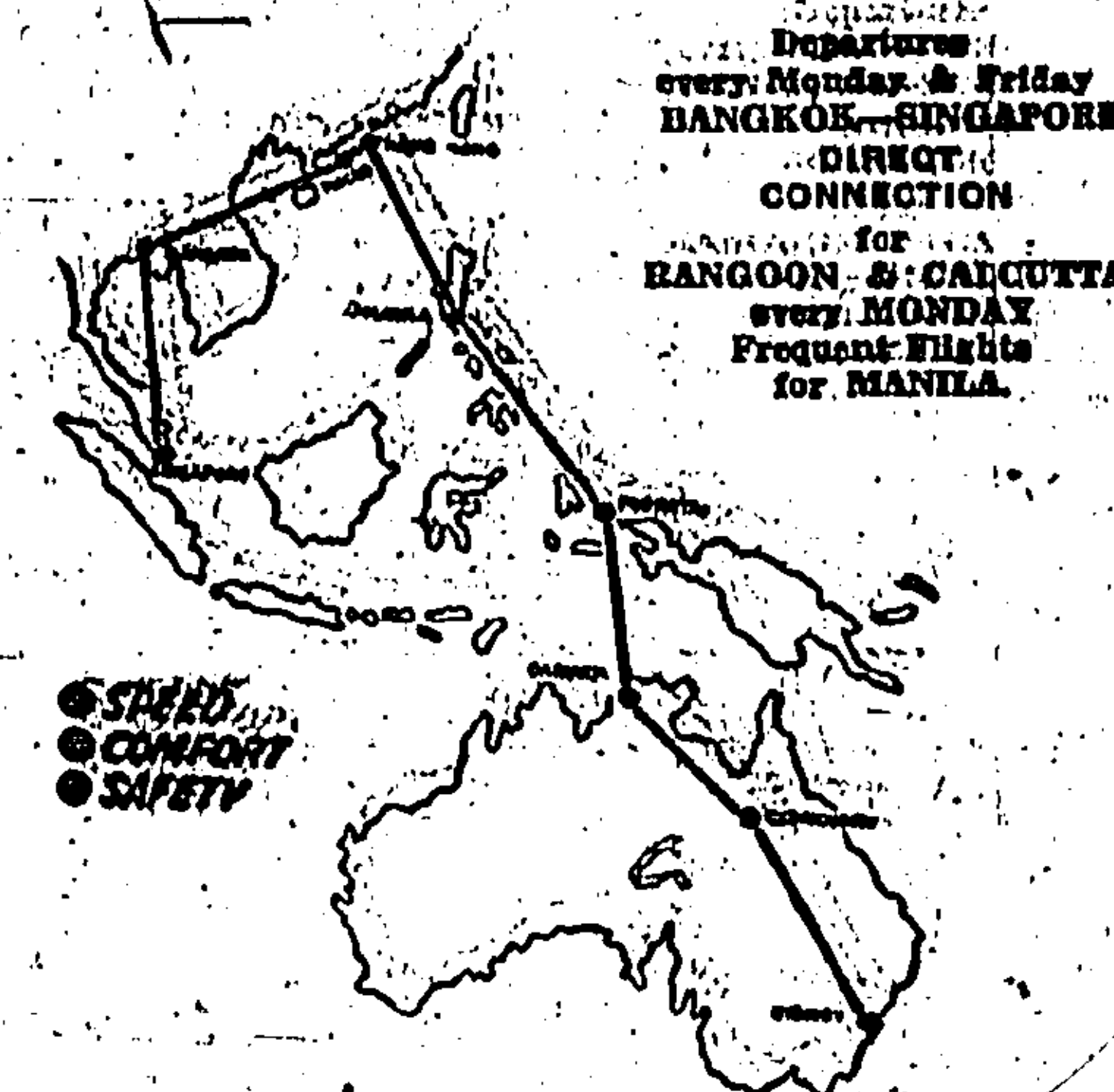
Other guests included Lord Patrick Lawrence, former Secretary of State for India and Burma, and Lord Mountbatten's wife, Lady Mountbatten.

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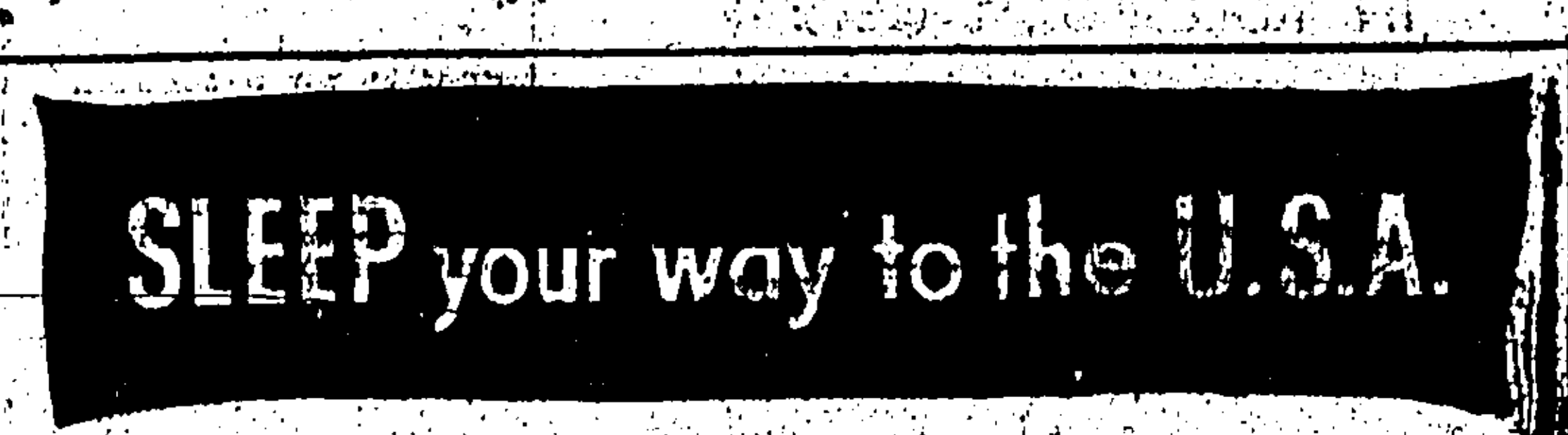
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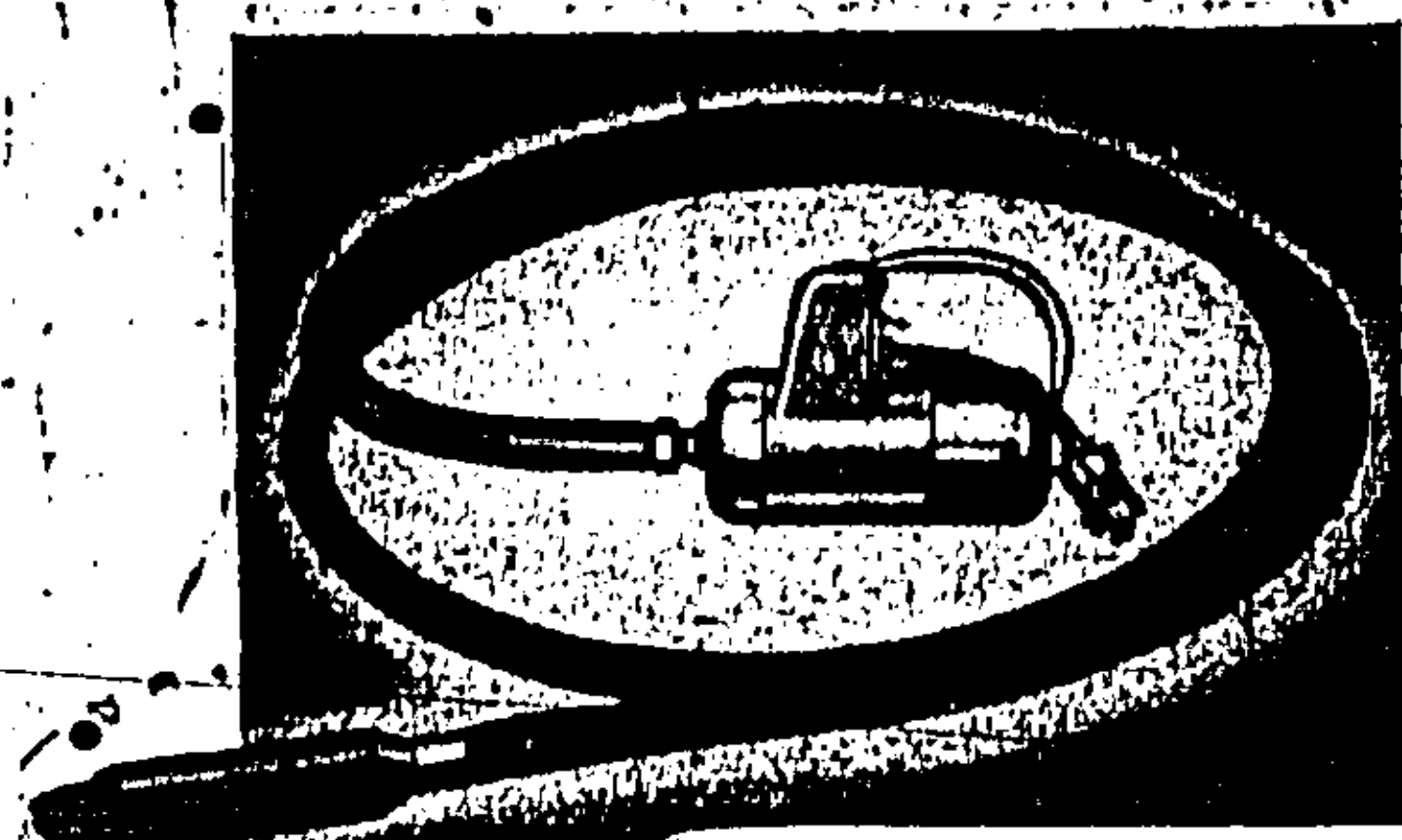
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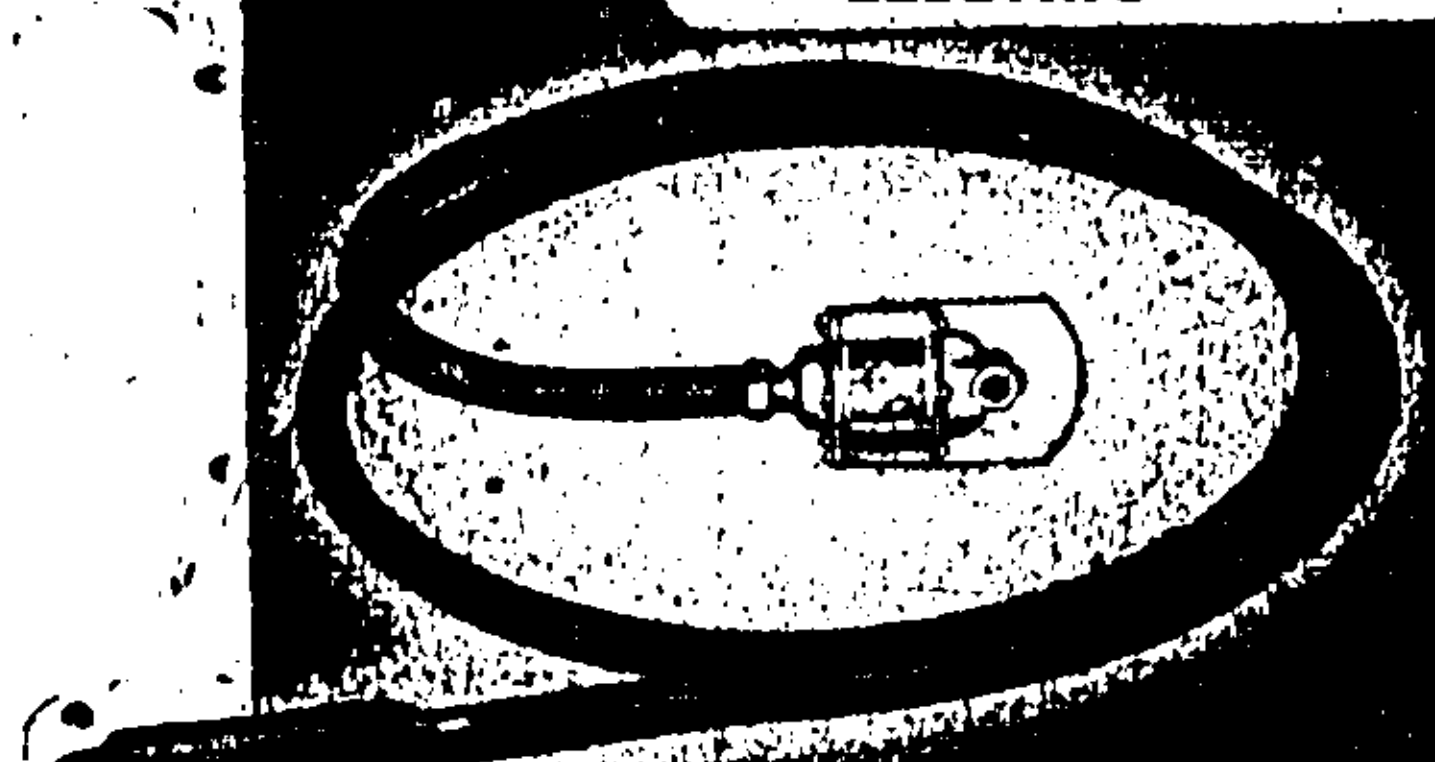
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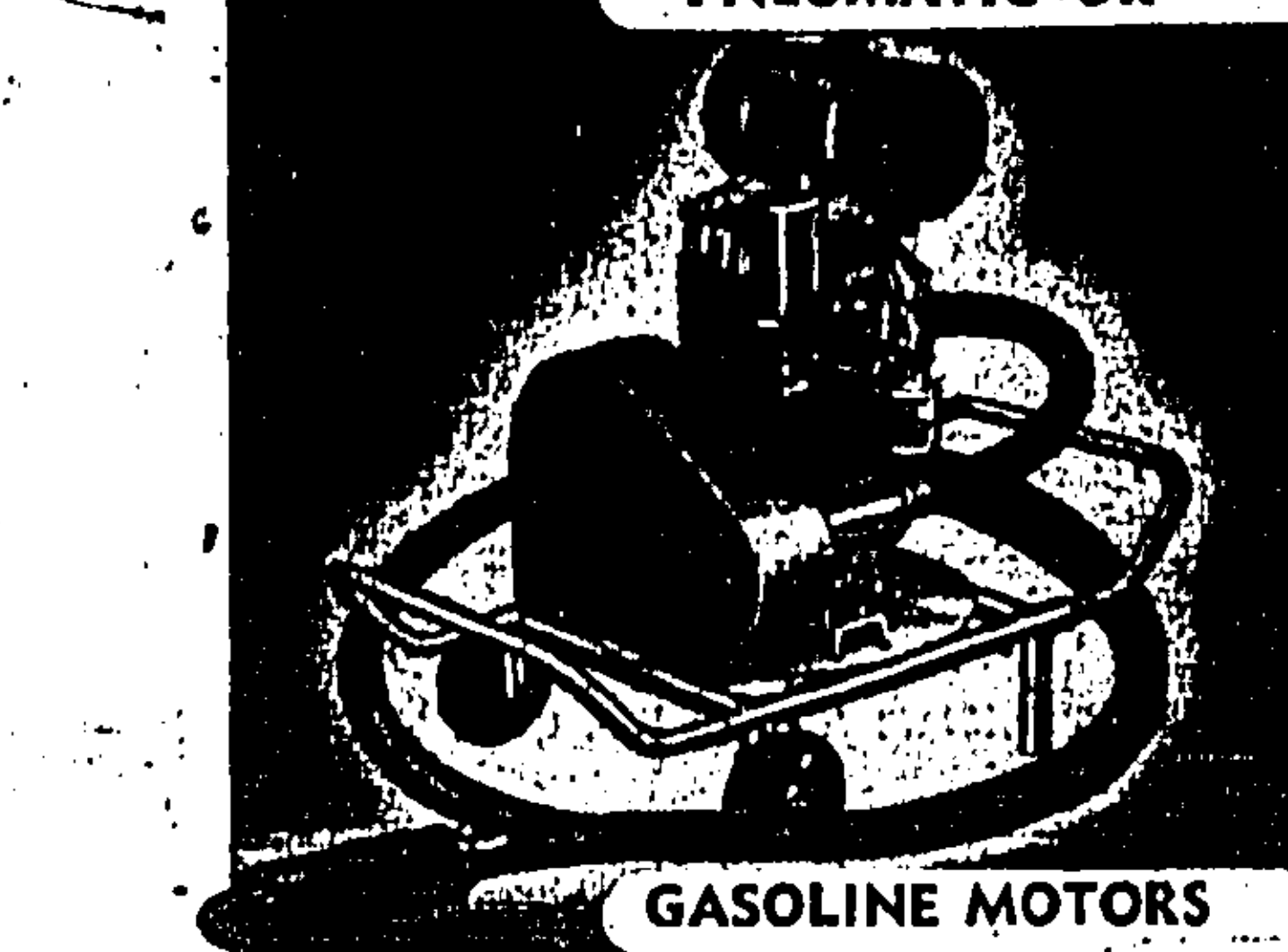
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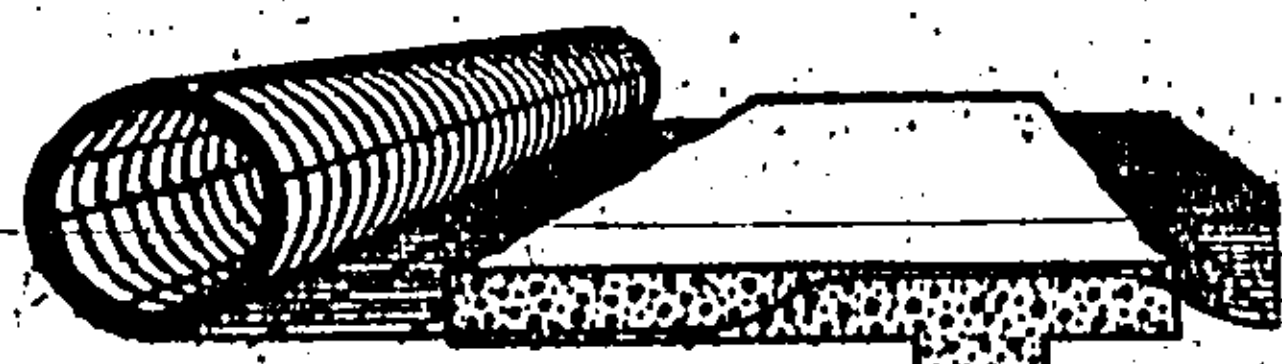
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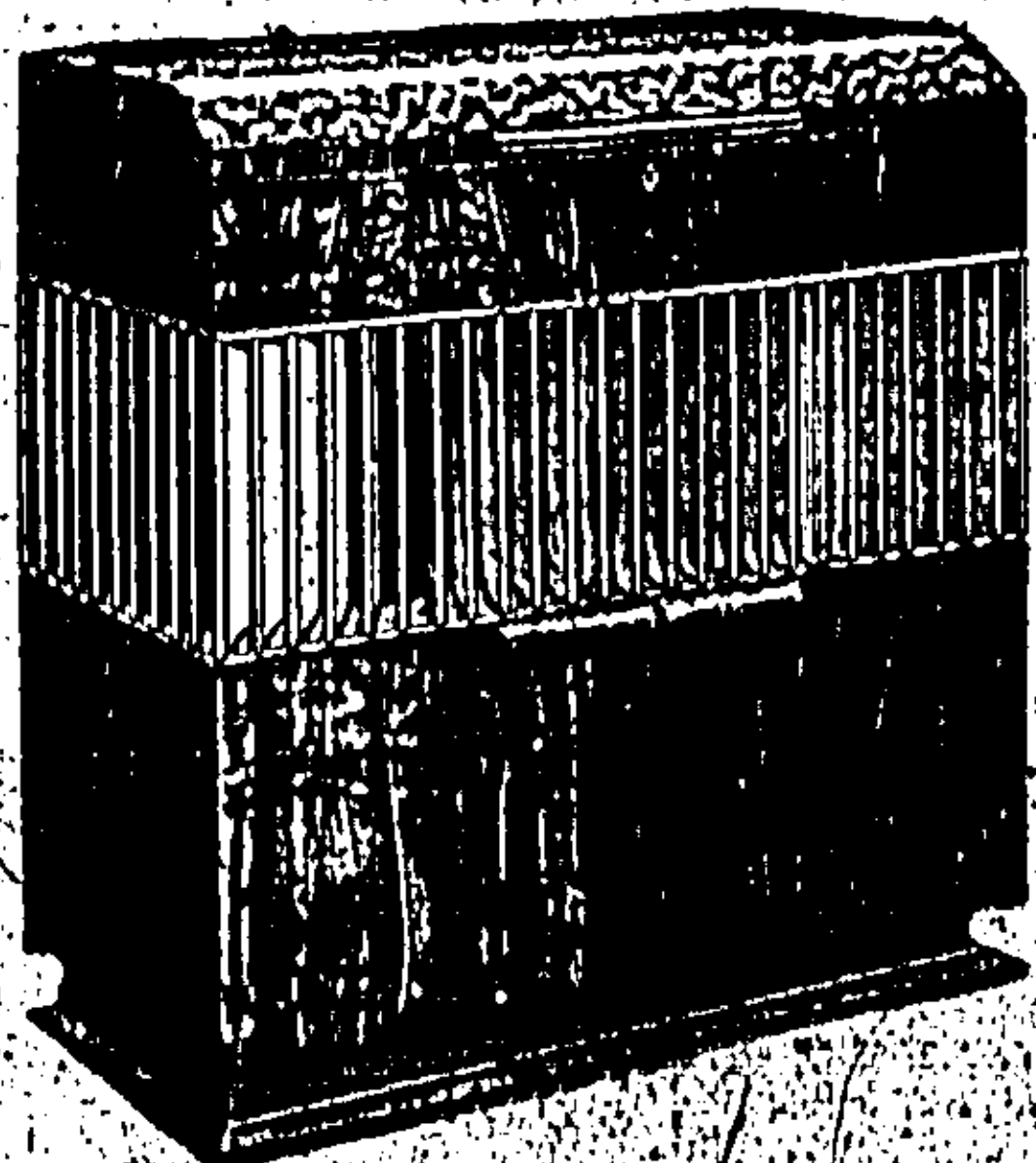
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MODERN LIGHT SENSITIVE CONTROL EQUIPMENT

Although the general principles of the photo-electric cell have been well known to scientists for many years, it is only quite recently that its vast possibilities as a means of controlling industrial operations have been realised.

The action of the photo cell is, briefly, that when light falls on the cathode, electrons flow from it, and are attracted to the anode, the action corresponding to that which takes place in a two electrode wireless valve. The current thus generated can be used to control a three electrode valve, which operates a relay, and this in turn can be employed to inaugurate control operations of a most diversified character.

Moving objects on a conveyor belt can very easily be arranged to interrupt a beam of light, so that a whole field of uses for photo cell equipment lies in paper-making and printing, in packaging, bottling, sorting, and counting operations. It is suitable for a variety of protective devices, and can also readily be used as a check on turbidity, colour, purity, and other qualities of importance in chemical and food processing work. The approach of traffic, the level of material in a storage bin, the position of an indicator needle, all such may be used to operate a photocell to useful purpose. Without it neither television nor sound films would be possible as we know them today.

Measuring Fabric

An application which has caused interest in the British Hosiery Industry is an installation recently carried out by the General Electric Company of England for Wolsey's, and is an example of how simple electronic control gear can be successfully incorporated with existing machinery.

Equipment was required to ensure the true measurement of the amount of fabric passing over steam-heated rollers. With the original measuring (or counter) apparatus, employing a friction drive, inaccurate figures were being produced due to pressure on the friction drive. The new installation retains the counter system, but introduces a small lamp projector, photocell extension unit and amplifier—all G.E.C. standard products.

While cloth is passing over the rollers, the yardage count proceeds normally, but when there is no fabric to interrupt it, a beam of light falls on the photocell, and the relay in the amplifier operates to cut out the counter trip switch so that no recording takes place.

A guard is provided to prevent the photocell being obscured by any means other than the presence of fabric passing through the machine. In addition a pilot lamp has been fitted which can be readily seen by the foreman to indicate the counting impulses.

Relay System

Another application, for Messrs. J.D. Crozier and Partners, Edinburgh, required a means whereby an indication could be given to a train driver that the trucks coupled to the engine had entered a vital portion of a loading and discharging siding.

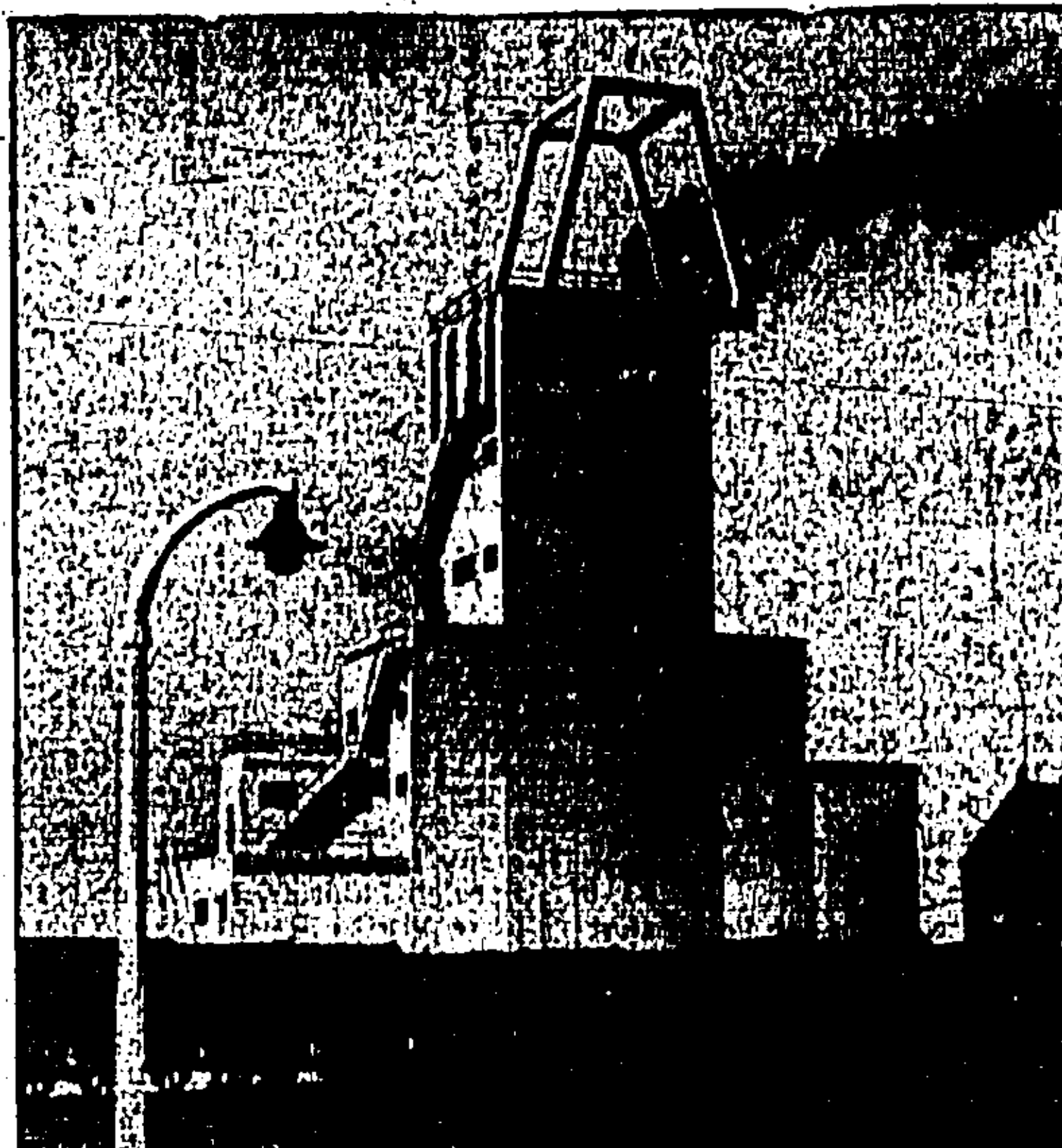
Photo-electric cell equipment was arranged so that on the interruption of a light beam, a warning signal in form of a red signal lamp and a Klaxon horn

would operate for a period of 30 seconds. Although the train may remain in a position where it interrupts the beam, the red lamp only operates after the Klaxon horn has ceased sounding. The combined relay automatically reset themselves after the train has been withdrawn.

An extensive series of field trials over the route of the London to Birmingham Television

Radio-Relay Link, which the General Electric Co., Ltd., of England is designing and supplying to the British Post Office, is being carried out.

Temporary masts have been erected on the sites selected for intermediate stations, and propagation tests are being conducted between them.



The pithead gear of the new shaft at Mossley Common Colliery, Lancashire, is constructed in clean white concrete. In addition, the National Coal Board is to build the biggest washery in Britain, which will clean 600 tons of coal an hour. Part of it will be operating by next year. The new shaft is shown in this picture, a complete contrast to the old type of coalmine shaft with its pithead wheel.

Gas Turbines In Aircraft

British engineers have achieved another notable advance in the design and construction of gas turbines in aircraft.

It was announced at the Ministry of Supply's press conference during the week-end, that the Bristol "Theseus" gas turbine engine, driving a propeller or turbo propeller, has passed a series of severe tests with a figure of merit superior to those of any known comparable piston engine.

Britain's lead in plain jet and turbo jet is acknowledged all over the world. This new work with the turbo propeller is as remarkable. The "Theseus" has been subjected to both air and ground tests and is the first engine in the world to pass them.

In order to show how little maintenance is required and the high degree of reliability to be expected, the Ministry of Supply instituted bench tests in which engines of this type should run 250 hours, if possible, without overhaul, running conditions being as near as possible to those in operation in civil aircraft.

The first engine to take the test was the Bristol "Theseus". It completed the 250 hours test at a rating of 2,000 horsepower and 750 pounds thrust. The test was carried out in 17 runs of 10 hours each and 16 of five hours each. After this severe test it was found that the "Theseus" was still in perfect condition and that it did not need overhaul. It was then decided to carry

Electronic Accounting

An electronic machine which may start a revolution in accountancy methods is being developed by a London firm.

This machine will store figures in the form of patterns of electrons, and add them simultaneously. It will, of course, also be able to subtract, multiply and divide.

The well-known office machinery makers who are responsible for the new machine regard it as the basic principle on which they are working to speed up accountancy methods.

In an interview with the Financial Times, the President of the Company stated: "What I envisage is something like this. As the headquarters of an organisation will be a panel on which can be recorded instantaneously the effect on the Company's financial position of the latest transaction. When this is brought to the commercial stage it will be possible for a company to keep really abreast of its affairs."

Britain's electronic machine will, in fact, be able to dispose of the time lag in the making up of a balance sheet, and thus ensure that the latter fulfils its function of giving an up-to-date and accurate picture of the state of a company's business.

The firm is Burroughs Adding Machine Company.

straight on with the second 250 hours test. Up to last Friday afternoon it had run 250 hours still without any fault. During its 250 hours run the engine made 13,000,000 revolutions.

The "Theseus" has, meanwhile, been used successfully in the air by the R.A.F. in two Avro Lancaster bombers on the Cairo-England flight.

Each mast has been fitted with a suitable cradle to accommodate the special 14-ft. diameter paraboloid aerial system, and the cradles are raised and lowered to investigate variations in receiver signal strength at different heights. The absence of multipath signals is also being confirmed by the signal strength studies of the signal strength stability and interference level at the various sites are being investigated.

Signal Generators

Two mobile laboratories each equipped with C.W. and pulse transmitters for the appropriate frequency range, together with receivers, display systems and recorders, complete the equipment. The laboratories also contain signal generators, frequency meters and low and high power R.F. wattmeters, while each unit has its own mobile 240-volt A.C. 50 C/s. power supply. An interesting feature of the system is that contact between the two mobile laboratories is maintained by decimetre-wave communications transmitters and receivers.

The trials are of particular importance in view of the present world-wide interest in radio-relay links, not only for television purposes, but also for such applications as multi-channel telephony. Such radio links would be of extreme value in countries where the terrain is difficult and the laying of cables virtually impossible. The information now being obtained will also be of special importance in the design of trunk radio systems for export to such countries.

The establishment of this pioneer service in Britain should show a long term benefit in this country's efforts to satisfy the communication needs of the export market.

Automatic Control On Electricity

There are several devices now on the British market by means of which household electricity demand can be controlled, and Britain's Electrical Development Association is investigating the suitability of a number of these. One system, which is in use at Heston, in the North of England, operates by sending out a high-frequency wave over the existing system when the load reaches its peak. By means of relays, the wave can shut off water heaters and other equipment, and so reduce the load. The system is similar to that which is used for switching on and off street lamps. Other methods of load control could be operated in individual houses, so that the total load does not exceed a predetermined amount and differential charges could be introduced to encourage economy. For example, a householder could have his load limited to four kilowatts. As soon as that load was exceeded, the less essential items of equipment, such as water-heaters and fires, would be automatically switched off, leaving the cooker still working. If a larger load than four kilowatts was wanted, the householder, by paying at a higher rate, could have his consumption limited to six kilowatts, and the tariffs so adjusted that the user of small quantities of electricity would get it at a much cheaper rate than the consumer who needs a heavy load.

UNSINKABLE LIFEBOAT

A new ship's lifeboat of unorthodox design is being completed at Fria's Boatyard, King's Lynn, Norfolk, England. Instead of the standard hull construction, the bottom of the new lifeboat is hollow and almost identical in reverse with the above-water portion, so that whichever way the boat lands in the water, it is ready for use. In the past many lifeboats have been lost, owing to the hulls capsizing when lowered from sailing ships. This is the reason why the ordinary open boat is unsuitable for life-saving in a stormy sea, and numerous contrivances, which have originated in England, have been made for securing the best type of lifeboat from sinking ships. This latest type of lifeboat will be

launched from a ship in mid-Atlantic, proceeding under her own power for 1,000 miles to New York. The boat will be powered by two 30 h.p. Coventry Diesel engines. Non-return valves under the boat will secure the speedy emptying of any water shipped.

Another virtually unsinkable lifeboat is being manufactured by Lampert and Holt Ltd., Limited, Grimsby, Lincolnshire, E.C. The design embodies original features planned to minimise the consequences of faulty launching, to afford greater protection to lifeboat occupants, to give greater warmth, to allow a greatly increased supply of dripping water, and to render the boat self-righting from an angle of inclination of 100 degrees.



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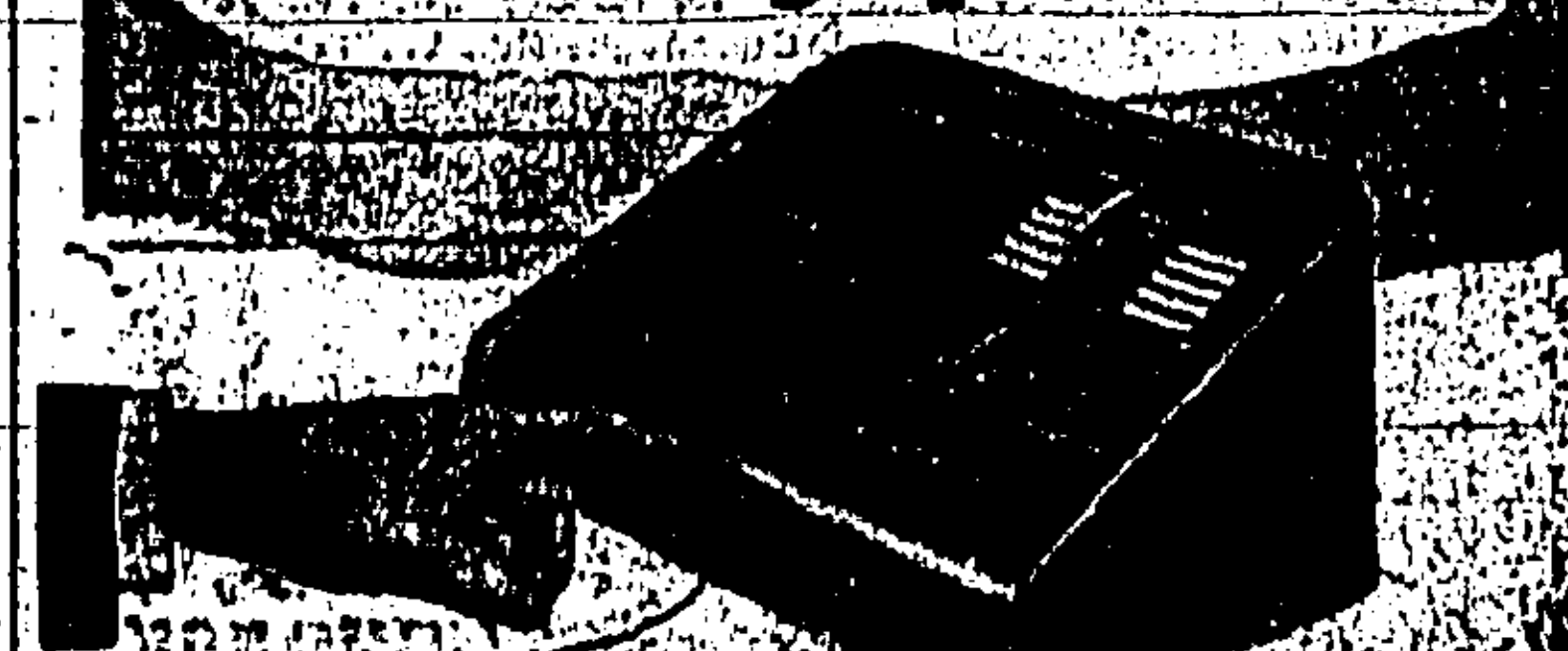
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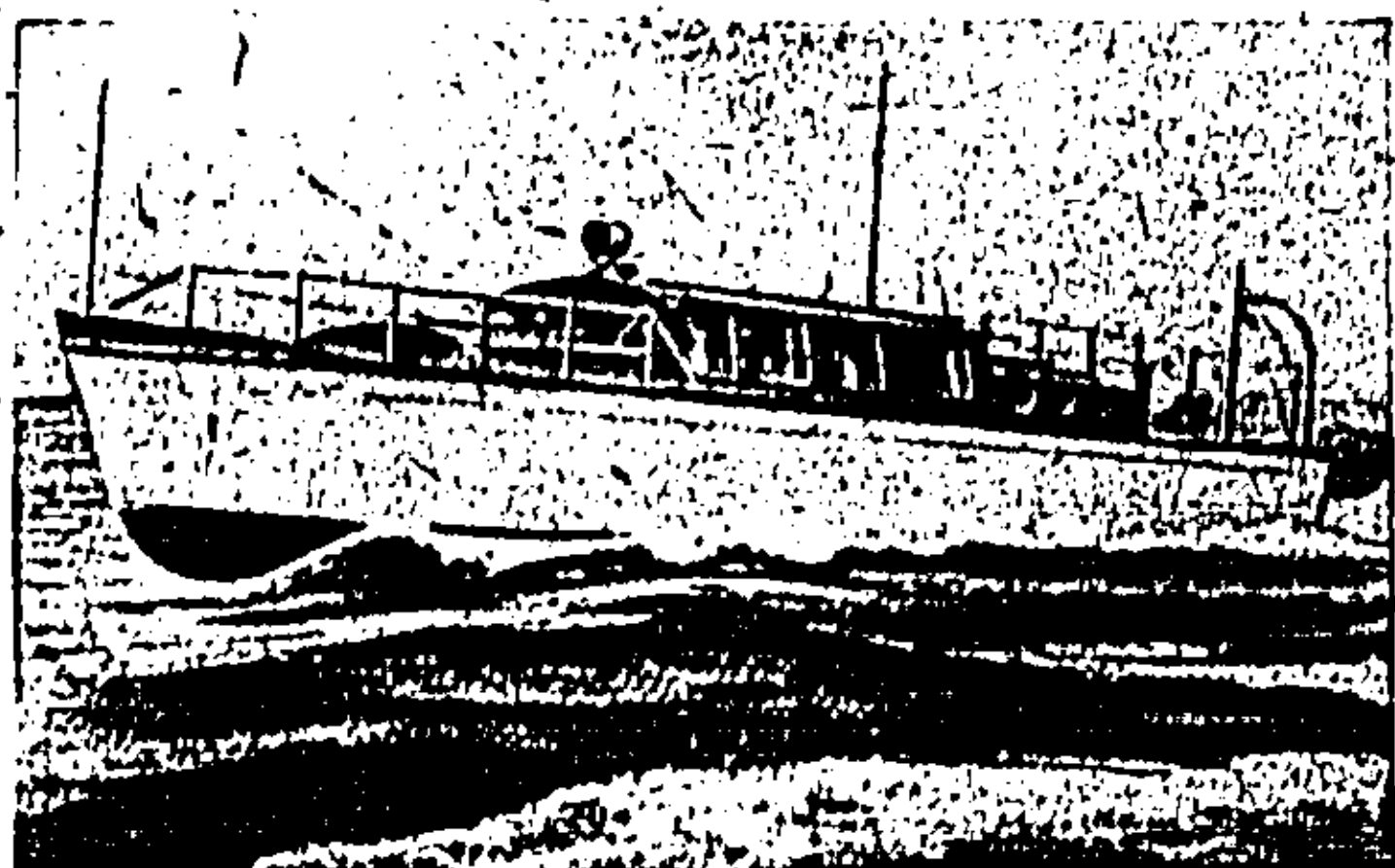
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Cold War Between Rival Policies

EMPIRE'S FUTURE AT STAKE

London, July 6.

A cold war is being waged between the conflicting policies of Britain and South Africa, in which the future of the British Commonwealth will be decided.

This blunt statement was made in the latest issue of "Empire," organ of the Colonial Bureau of the Fabian Society—brains trust of the British Labour movement.

Japanese Extremists Make Gains

Tokyo, July 6.

Prime Minister Hiroshi Ashida admitted today that "middle of the road" politics has suffered "some weakening" recently with a tendency of the parliamentary forces to split into small parties.

This has strengthened Right and extreme Leftist elements, Ashida said.

Ashida, who has described his governments to be "middle of the road," claimed that the Diet session which has just ended has "accomplished much" for Japan, but warned Japanese they must not slacken efforts toward the nation's recovery.

Meanwhile, observers said that Ashida, now encouraged by passage of the budget, will exert all efforts toward remaining in office rather than resigning although he suffered some "setback" by the resignation of Deputy Prime Minister Suetsugu Nishio.

Nishio, in a statement, claimed he quit his post for "reasons within my Social Democratic Party," but he still was convinced that he could clear himself regarding the 500,000 yen donation he received from a group of Japanese contractors. —United Press.

"Stalinist Air Force" Boosted

London, July 6.

Radio Moscow said today that the Soviet people are justifiably appreciative of the "powerful Stalinist Air Force." But Soviet pilots and plane makers must raise still higher their skill and combat readiness.

Quoting a Tass News Agency account of an editorial appearing in the Soviet newspaper, Red Star, the broadcast said: "Constantly concerned to strengthen the might of the armed forces, the Soviet people naturally devote great attention to the Stalinist air force on the basis of its technical equipment and cadres."

The editorial devoted to Aviation Day which will be celebrated in the Soviet on Aug. 18, pointed out the "enormous solicitude with which the party government and Stalin personally surround aviation."

CROPS SUFFER

Ottawa, July 6.

Crop conditions were "critical" because of lack of rain over large areas of the prairies which form Canada's great granary, a Bureau of Statistics survey said today.

Prospects were "generally fair to good" in Manitoba, eastern and southwestern Saskatchewan and southern Alberta, the report showed.

Conditions, however, had reached a critical stage in a large area of Saskatchewan and central and northern Alberta. —Hout.

MONTHS TO MAKE UP FOR STRIKE

London, July 6.

Mr. John Strachey, Minister of Food, said today that about 10,000 tons of carcass meat had been delayed two weeks by the recent dock strike, but the meat did not spoil because it was in refrigeration.

"I think that by great efforts it will be possible in the end to make it up, but it will take months, to do so," he said.

Mr. Strachey revealed that the trade talks with Mexico were still going on.

"We shall probably get some meat from Mexico if we succeed in making those arrangements," he said.

He then announced a gift of £12,000 from Auckland, New Zealand, and said it would be used to buy New Zealand foodstuffs.

The signing of the Anglo-American Marshall aid agreement is a "great moment for this country and its food prospects," according to Mr. Strachey.

"We are not buying any American food at all at the moment, but we may get certain foods on a very small scale," he said.

The Minister said that grain prospects in Western Europe were very favorable.

"I am assured that Eastern European prospects are favourable," he said, "but I have not the same degree of information. The United States' harvest was very good, but it is too early to speak about Canada."

Summing up, the Minister said, "I should think the prospect is definitely very much better than at this time last year." —United Press.

Hisses Are Not Nice

Nanking, July 7.

China's legislators debated today whether stenographic records of their sessions should contain any record of "frequent hisses" with which the speakers are frequently greeted.

EC-Minister of Information Chang Tao-fan said "it is not nice to stain historical documents with records of such minor misdemeanors." —Associated Press.

Progress Backwards In Japan

Tokyo, July 6.

Progress in Japan runs in devious circles.

The Government's Economic Stabilisation Board announced proudly today a new economy plan under which the Japanese fantastic charcoal burning automobiles will disappear from the streets within the next two years.

In place of these Rube Goldberg style collection of pipes, bellows, burners and soot, however, will come, not gasoline burners, but even more complicated "fogot burners."

Government scientists figure, that by burning wood directly in the automobile's private furnace Japan can save all the 230,000 tons of precious rationed charcoal its 4,000 charcoal burning automobiles have been using yearly and even reduce the consumption of wood by two-thirds. —United Press.

FOSSIL FIND

London, July 6.

Tass reported yesterday that the Russian archaeologist, Dmitriy Leva, has discovered a bone which "resembles the thigh bone of a Sinanthropus (Peking Man)," one of the earliest ancestors of man that has been found.

The first such fossils were found near Peking, China. The Russian news agency said Leva found his near Samarkand, Uzbekistan, and termed it the first such discovery in Russia. —Associated Press.

CORRUPTION LED TO UNREST

Bangkok, July 6.

Corruption among Siamese officials, rather than Muslim or Communist agitation, is cited as the major cause of unrest in the southern provinces of Siam by members of the seven-man Government goodwill mission sent to investigate conditions in the area.

One of the grievances of southern residents, mission members said, was that "tea money" was demanded of rubber planters by local officials. Before planters could work plantations, they had to obtain rubber coupons from officials who demanded large payments, the investigators charged.

Members of the special committee set up by the Ministry of the Interior to study the problem of unrest in the south, to whom the goodwill mission reported, recommended that attempts should be made to weed out corrupt officials and that educated Muslim judges should be appointed in the border provinces.

The committee also recommended that provincial Muslim leagues should be fostered in order to guide religious practice and to work in co-operation with Siamese officials.

The mission, which included high-ranking Siamese officials and members of Parliament from the areas concerned, studied conditions in Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat and Satul provinces. —United Press.

Tariffs To Be Reduced

New Delhi, July 6.

The Government announced tonight that it is giving effect on July 8 to tariff concessions to be accorded by India under general agreement on tariffs and trade.

The announcement said the protocol of the provisional application of the agreement was signed in New York on June 8 by India's permanent representative to the United Nations, P. P. Pillai.

The agreement provides reductions of five to six per cent ad valorem on certain industrial raw materials and five to 10 per cent ad valorem on certain general utility finished goods. India also agreed to reduce the margins of preference on a few other articles, but Parliamentary approval is needed. —Associated Press.

ADMIRAL OUT OF A JOB

London, July 6.

Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, who retired on June 21 as Governor-General of India, said tonight that he is out of a job and has no immediate prospects.

The one-time Supreme Allied Commander for Southeast Asia implied, however, that he still hopes for an active command, in the Royal Navy which lent him to India last year to serve as the first Governor-General of the new Indian Dominion.

"I want to see them at the Admiralty but they had no job for me. They told me to report back later in the year," he said.

"He indicated he expects to do so adding: 'I am a sailor.' Lord Mountbatten said he had 'never heard of' a reported plan to send him to strife-torn Malaya as British High Commissioner, succeeding the late Sir Edward Gent who was killed in a plane crash here on Sunday night.

The former Governor-General was interviewed as he and Lady Mountbatten left reception, given for them by Indians in London, on their way to dinner with Prime Minister and Mrs. Attlee. —Associated Press.

"BATS" TO DESTROY WARSHIP

Pearl Harbor, July 6.

Radar guided "bats," the first fully automatic guided missile used in combat by any nation, will be launched tomorrow against the doomed battleship New York some 60 miles south of Honolulu.

The Navy will throw the full power of its air, surface and underwater arms against the battle-old 30,000 ton dreadnaught, survivor of two wars and two atom bomb blasts.

According to the plan, the 34-year-old ship will sink about noon on Thursday. Submarine torpedoes will blast her down after some 300 planes work her over for 36 hours with bombs, rockets and guided missiles.

The "bats" are small gliders carrying a load of half a ton. They use radar, following the echoes of beams which they originate. —Associated Press.

Sailings Halted

Marseilles, July 6.

All sea traffic between Marseilles and North Africa was ordered halted today by Union officials as the previously minor labour dispute took a graver turn.

Early last week, a dispute between Company officials and employees of the Transatlantic Company arose over living conditions aboard one of the Company's ships and the amount of cargo to be loaded, and partially halted sailings to North Africa.

With no settlement in sight, the powerful Seamen's Union today ordered all water traffic with North Africa out of Marseilles halted. —United Press.

FAKIR OF IPI AGAIN

Karachi, July 6.

It was officially announced from Peshawar today that the village of the Fakir of Ipi was surrounded by frontier police known as "Tochi Scouts" because his men had previously damaged police posts on the frontiers.

The Fakir could not be captured but in the encounter 31 of the Fakir's gang were arrested and one killed.

The frontier police suffered no casualties.

The official announcement said the house which was the temporary headquarters of the Fakir's gang was demolished. —Associated Press.

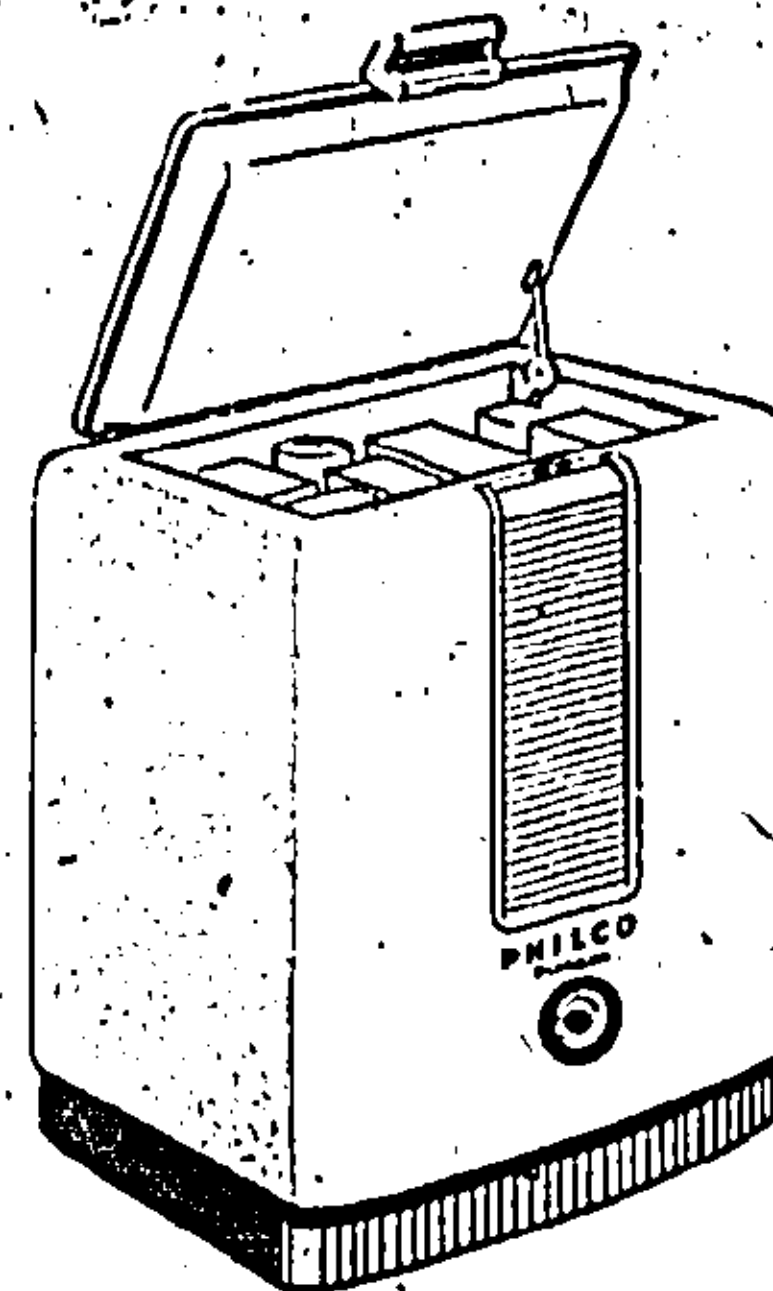
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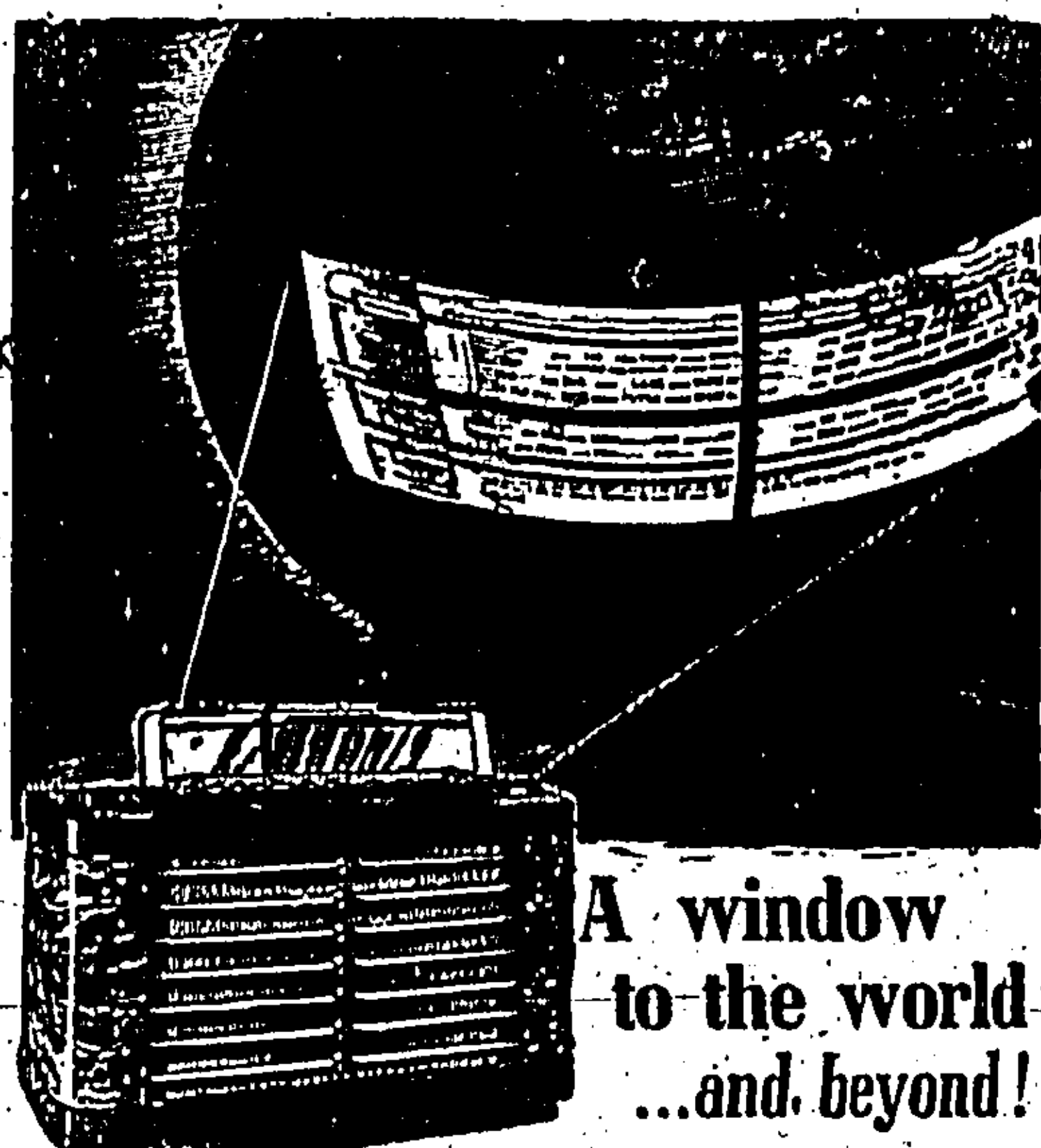
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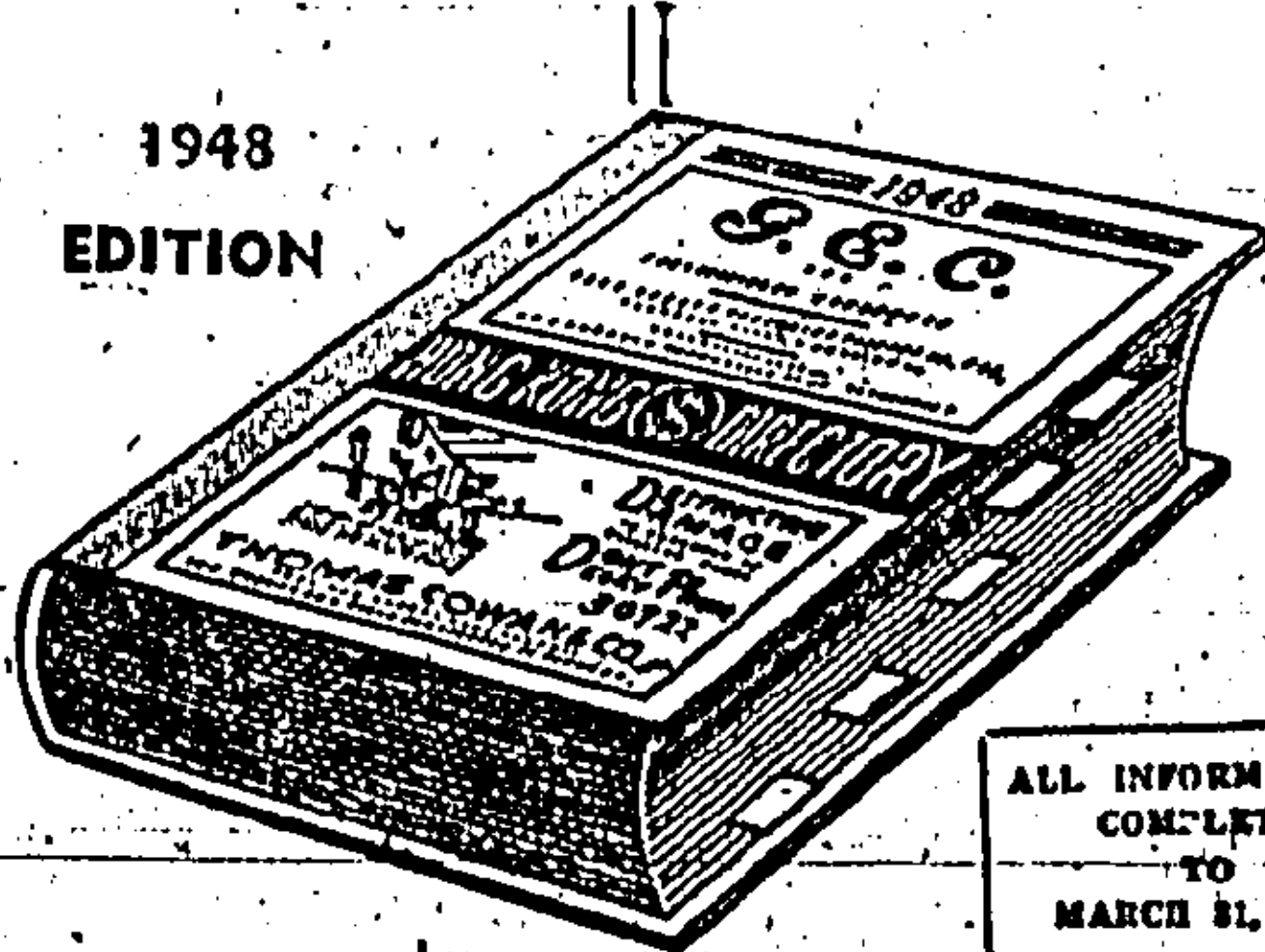
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U.S. HELP FOR COLONIES?

Fresh Capital Welcome On Conditions Parliament Approves The ERP Agreement

London, July 6.

American private investment in the colonies was not expected to be great, Mr. Douglas-Jay, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, told the House of Commons today in the resumed debate on the Anglo-American European recovery programme agreement.

But any inclusion of fresh capital into the colonies, with safeguards, would be welcomed as enabling Britain to press forward with her ambitious plans for colonial development and the improvement of the welfare of the colonial peoples.

Mr. Jay added: "We shall not exclude private finance from the United States from investment in the colonies but if such investment is permitted we shall see that exactly the same safeguards and conditions are applied as with British capital."

The House approved the agreement by 409 votes to 12. In the House of Lords, where all speakers paid tribute to the generosity of the United States, the agreement was approved without a vote.

Referring to Europe, Mr. Jay said Britain would seek to achieve a closer long-term economic union with the other European countries. To this end, she was already studying in Paris a long-term production and development programme and also longer term possibilities such as the approach to a customs union.

Maintaining that Britain had made a better recovery than any other European country which had taken a major part in the war, Mr. Jay gave these figures: Britain's total industrial production was 20 per cent above the 1940 figure; exports were 35 per cent in volume above pre-war and of the highest value ever recorded. Exports had more than doubled in volume since the end of the war.

The gold reserve was actually larger than in August, 1935. Coal was being exported to more than 20 countries. In the last nine months, cotton production had increased by 20 per cent and cotton exports by 40 per cent.

Tory Critic

If the price of Britain's imports had risen since 1938 by no more than the price of her exports, she would be £350 million a year better off now on her balance of payments. That was about the amount she would receive under the European recovery programme, Mr. David Eccles, one of the chief Conservative speakers, welcomed the agreement, but criticised the text as obscure. "It may be that six months from now the text will have been given by Mr. Hoffman (the ERP Administrator) and his colleagues a quite different meaning from that which the Ministers opposite honestly believe the text to mean today."

He added that Marshall aid alone would not suffice to meet the Communist menace. The United States would have to put behind her European recovery programme military guarantees and military assistance.

Mr. Clement Davies, Liberal, said the sacrifices made in the war had not been equally borne. He did not say that to belittle the generosity of America, but to draw attention to the extent of Britain's wartime sacrifices.

The Liberals would, he said, vote for the agreement.

"Commercial Trick"

Mr. D. N. Pritt, Independent Labour Party, Chairman of the British Society for Cultural Relations with Russia, had tabled an amendment to reject the agreement, but it was not called.

He wanted trade negotiations of a far-reaching character with Russia and the countries in Eastern Europe so as to avoid the "threatened isolation of Great Britain, lessen her dependence on the United States, minimise the effect on Britain of an economic slump in America and improve the British bargaining power in relation to the United States."

The Government leaders, he said, wanted the House to believe in the generosity of the ruling classes of America. This was the class which "cut off lend-lease and played the commercial trick of lending us a lot of money and then, by letting prices rise, making it worth two-thirds of what it was worth a fortnight before."

Another uncalled for amendment was by Mr. Beverley Baxter, the Canadian-born former editor of Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express—an advocate of Empire free trade. He said he would vote against the agreement on the ground that it would "tend to weaken the bonds of Empire and take from the British Commonwealth of Nations the initiative and responsibility for its own development."—Reuter.

SOLEMN SCENE AT FOREIGN OFFICE

London, July 6.

Britain signed the American aid programme agreement with the United States tonight in a quietly solemn occasion at the Foreign Office less than an hour after the House of Commons had approved it.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin signed for Britain the agreement under which his country is to receive about £300,000,000 during the first year's operation of the Marshall plan.

Then Ambassador Lewis Douglas signed the agreement in the name of the United States. "The signing of the economic co-operation agreement by the United Kingdom and the United States is one more step in the progress of the programme designed to foster European economic recovery," Mr. Douglas said in a short speech at the ceremony.

"The success of this great programme depends upon the resolution with which the people of Europe work together to recapture their economic stability."

Ambassador Douglas recalled that after the Paris meetings of the 16 Marshall plan countries in April, Congress appropriated US\$5,000,000,000 for the initial period of the aid programme. "In the time that has elapsed since the historic meetings last

CONSCRIPTION IN NZ?

Wellington, July 6. An indication that the New Zealand Government is considering the introduction of compulsory military service was given by the Prime Minister, Peter Fraser, in the House of Representatives tonight. "It is my opinion that we must have a defence force," said Mr. Fraser, "and if we cannot get it by voluntary methods, we must have it anyway. National service may be necessary to get that force. The question of national service is not merely one of military service, but of all individuals serving the country in a manner wherein they are best qualified to serve."—Associated Press.

Dad Wasn't Believed

Bangkok, July 7. Siamese police believe a bicycle shop owner arrested offered just about the weakest alibi on record. He was caught with a sub-machine gun in his possession. The alibi: "I bought it for 16 (US) cents as a toy for my children. You mean it is actually a gun?"—Associated Press.

EMPIRE COTTON SCHEME

Manchester, July 6. Lord Linlithgow, President of the British Empire Cotton Growing Corporation, said today that Britain should step up colonial cotton production to end dependence on U.S. supplies.

This would not only save dollars, he said at the Corporation's annual meeting, but would increase the purchasing power of the native growers and their ability to buy goods from Britain in return.

Total Empire cotton crops last season, Lord Linlithgow said, were 612,755 bales, a seven per cent increase compared with the 1946 season. A new £200,000 Empire central cotton reserve station is planned in Uganda to encourage a greater output from the African colonies. Lord Linlithgow said the Government will put up £100,000 of this, the British cotton industry war memorial fund £25,000 and the Corporation the remaining £75,000.—Associated Press.

DEATH PENALTY RETURNS

London, July 6.

A new clause in Britain's criminal justice bill reinstating the death penalty for vicious forms of murder is expected to be published this week. It will be put before the House of Commons within a fortnight.

Against the Government's recommendations, the House of Commons recently voted to abolish the death penalty. The decision was subsequently defeated in the House of Lords. The Cabinet is divided about it, and public opinion hardened against abolition. The idea of a compromise is understood to have been encouraged by Cabinet Ministers who themselves oppose the death penalty.

The new clause is expected to list the types of murder demanding the death penalty. These would include murders of police and prison officers while in the execution of their duties, and other particularly brutal murders. The task of defining the category of murders would presumably rest with the public prosecutor and the police. The clause is not expected to define the Home Secretary's powers of reprieve, or to place new responsibilities on juries. When the House of Commons receives the Bill from the House of Lords, it is expected to approve it with the new clause incorporated. The Upper House is expected to pass the Bill before the summer recess.—Reuter.

The Best Answer In Europe

Vienna, July 6.

The American Under-Secretary of the Army, Brig-Gen William Draper, announced today that henceforth Austria would purchase its own food instead of channelling all procurement through the United States military authority. Gen Draper told a press conference this was the first step toward relieving the country from complete dependence on American supplies.

He said it was expected that Austria would turn to other European countries as much as possible for food. He admitted it was possible Austria might spend some Marshall Plan funds in countries behind the Iron Curtain.

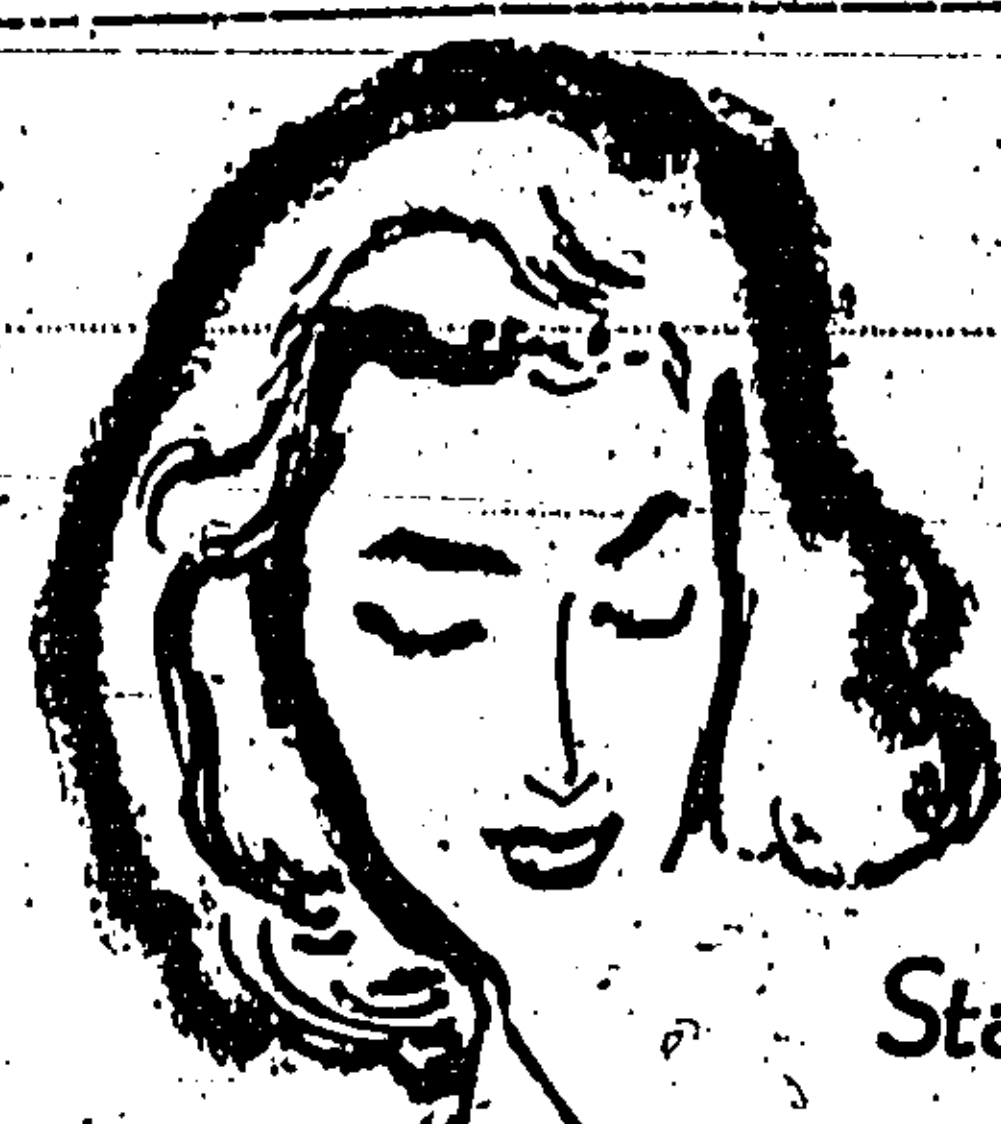
Asked if such purchases would not defeat the purpose of the Marshall Plan in stopping Communism, Gen Draper replied that he thought it would be the contrary and that it was the "best answer."

"The best answer in settling differences between East and West is for sound trade development," he said.—United Press.

DIPLOMAT HANGS HIMSELF

Moscow, July 6.

The Counsellor of the French Embassy, M. Hatteau, was found dead hanging in his room in the French Embassy today.—Associated Press.



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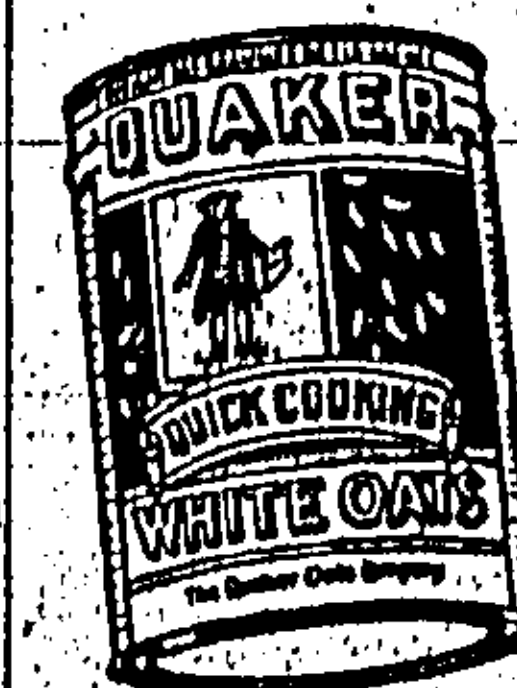
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ISRAEL REJECTS DOMINATION OF JERUSALEM BY THE ARABS

IMPOSITION WILL BE MET BY FORCE

Lake Success, July 6.

The Provisional Government of Israel, replying to Count Folke Bernadotte's suggestions for a Palestine settlement, today flatly rejected any Arab domination over Jerusalem, according to a message from Mr. Moshe Shertok, Israeli Foreign Minister.

MEDIATOR TO KEEP ON TRYING

Cairo, July 6. Count Bernadotte will continue his Palestine talks even if his request for an extension of the present Holy Land truce is rejected, he told reporters today.

The United Nations mediator made this statement on his arrival in Cairo from Tel Aviv.

He said he planned to fly back to Tel Aviv and Haifa tomorrow when he expects to receive the Jewish reply regarding the extension of the truce.

Bernadotte said he had received the Jewish reply concerning his suggestion for a Palestine settlement but declined to give any indication as to its nature.

Commenting on the prospects of a settlement at the present stage, Bernadotte said: "The door is still open on both sides." He added, however, that he did not know whether an extension of the truce would be accepted by either party.

If an extension is rejected, he said, he would notify the Security Council.—Associated Press.

LISBON TRIAL

Lisbon, July 6. One hundred and eight civilians went on trial today, charged with political crimes. The men are accused of Communist activities and plotting to overthrow the regime.

The trial is being conducted by the Lisbon Tribunal, presided over by Justice Abreu Mesquita. Seventy-five defendants already have spent several months in goal.—United Press.

"They will resist any such imposition with all the force at their command."

Meanwhile, Jews and Arabs in the Holy Land have until tomorrow to decide whether the Palestine truce shall be extended beyond its present deadline—10 a.m. GMT on Friday—and reports from Tel Aviv tonight suggested that the Israeli Government might say "Yes."

Count Bernadotte, the United Nations Mediator, has asked the Security Council to appeal to Jews and Arabs to accept an extension of the Palestine truce in a desperate last-minute attempt to avert the renewed outbreak of open warfare in the Holy Land.

If either side does not agree to a truce extension it could be assumed the Security Council would be convened to consider appropriate action, the Count said.

"Startling"

In his message informing Count Bernadotte of Israel's decision to turn down his peace proposals, Mr. Shertok said that "the Provisional Government of Israel regrets having to say that your startling suggestion regarding Jerusalem by encouraging false Arab hopes and wounding Jewish feelings is likely to achieve the reverse of the purifying effect which you undoubtedly had in mind."

Chifley On Dollar Issue

London, July 6.

The main object of Mr. J. B. Chifley, the Australian Premier, visit to London was to discuss the Dominion's dollar problems. It was believed here today—a belief strengthened by authoritative reports that the Australian Premier would meet Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr. Chifley will give Britain his views on his country's proposals for increasing dollar revenue and will represent the Australian Government on the Commonwealth dollar pool to assist her imports of machinery, petrol, textiles and newsprint from the United States.—Reuter.

The General Assembly of Nov. 29, 1947, which remains the only internationally valid adjudication on the question of the future Government of Palestine.

2.—The Provisional Government of Israel begs to recall that the Jewish people accepted the settlement laid down in the General Assembly's resolution as a compromise, entailing heavy sacrifices on its part, and the territory assigned to the Jewish state as an irreducible minimum. It is indeed the conviction of the Provisional Government of Israel that the territorial provisions affecting the Jewish state now stand in need of improvement in view both of the perils of Arab aggression to the safety of Israel and of the results achieved by Israel in repelling this aggression.

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3.—The Provisional Government of Israel cannot agree to any such encroachment upon or limitation of the free sovereignty of the people of Israel in its independent state.

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RUSSIA ACCUSES MEDIATOR

Lake Success, July 6.

Russia today charged Count Folke Bernadotte with attempting to "revoke" the United Nations decision to partition Palestine.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko demanded that the Security Council discuss in detail the UN mediator's peace proposals before recommending that an Arab-Jewish truce be continued after the Friday expiration date.

Foreign Minister Dmitri Z. Manulsky of the Soviet Ukraine, July President of the Council, waved aside British-American appeals for immediate extension of the Holy Land armistice. He called a meeting for Wednesday to consider the entire Palestine question.

M. Gromyko said that under the banner of the four week truce, Count Bernadotte had thought up new proposals which were contrary to previous UN decisions.

Sir Alexander Cadogan denied that the Swedish Count had gone beyond his authority. Only Syria's Faris el Khoury joined the two Soviet delegates in their demand for a delay in calling for a truce extension. Count Bernadotte had asked the Council to appeal directly to the Jews and Arabs to continue the cease fire.—Associated Press.

NEW KOREAN GOVERNMENT

Seoul, July 6.

Chairman Syngman Rhee of the Korean National Assembly said today that a new government "may be established within three weeks." (Rhee is likely to be chosen President of the new Government, which will be called a "national" Government although it is being formed by representatives from American-occupied South Korea.—Associated Press)

neighbours on the basis of closest possible collaboration in all fields. International arrangements which may be necessary to give effect to this policy cannot be imposed upon but can only be entered into as a result of an agreement negotiated between the interested parties as free and sovereign states.

4.—The Provisional Government of Israel would be ready to accept the provisions concerning economic union as formulated in the Assembly's resolution if all their basic premises were to materialise. This is not, however, the eventuality envisaged in your suggestions. The partner state when the Israelis are invited to join in a union is both in its political entity and its geographical dimensions wholly different from the Arab state provided for in the resolution.—Reuter.

TRUCE OFFICIAL KILLED BY MINE

Haifa, July 6.

The United Nations Palestine Truce Commission suffered its first casualties today when a French officer was fatally wounded when a white painted United Nations jeep in which he was travelling in the Nazareth area accidentally hit a land mine.

George Barns, United Nations press officer, announced tonight that another French officer and an Italian priest-interpreter, also travelling in the jeep, were injured.

The French officers were two of the French team of 21 observers sent to Palestine by the French Government. They were investigating an alleged violation of the truce by Jewish forces said to be constructing certain fortifications.

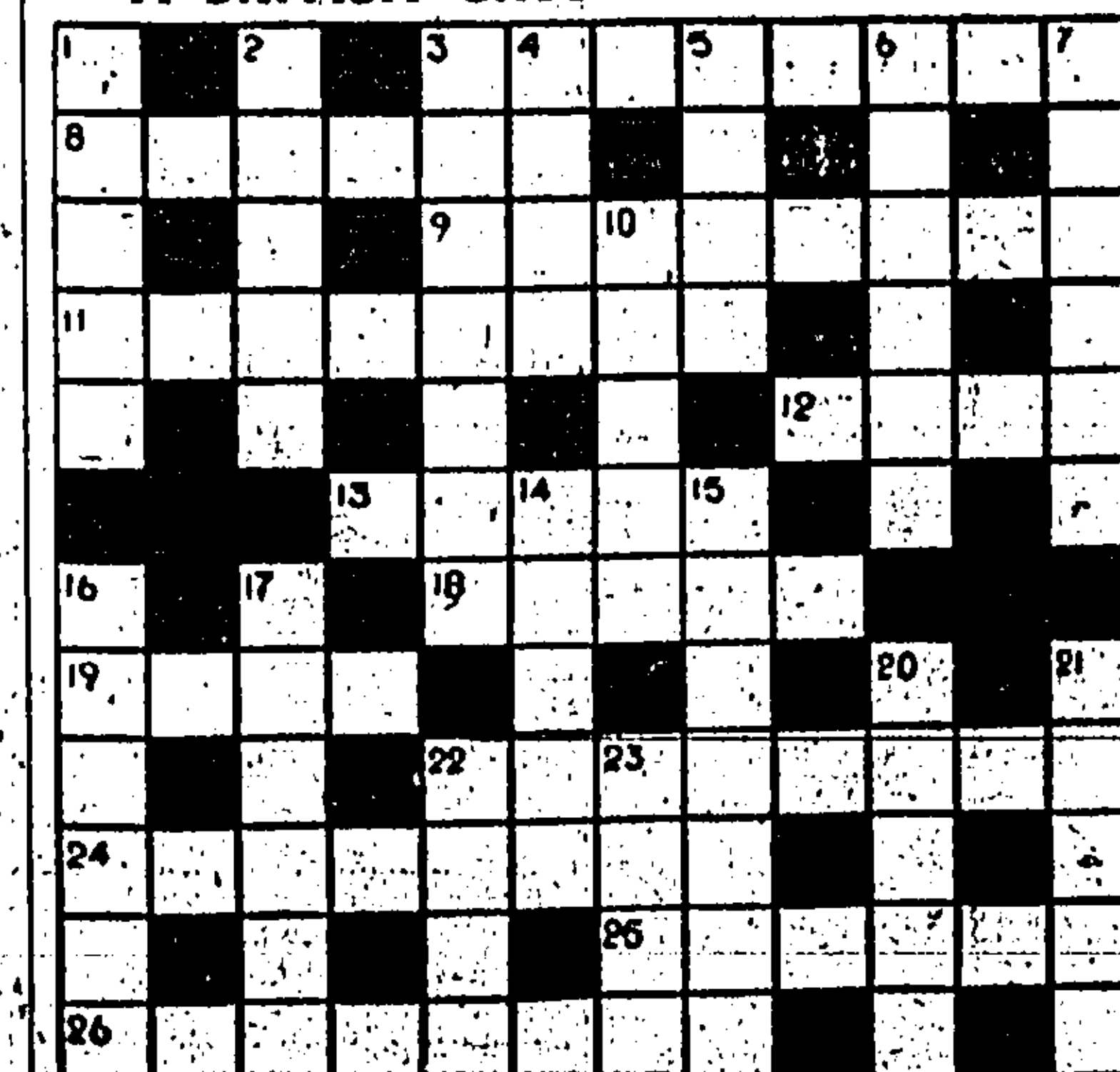
The killed man's name was announced as Commandant Rene Ja

Barriere. His fellow officer, Commandant Dumouster de Canchy, sustained leg injuries.

The officers first went into the Arab lines to discuss the alleged truce breach with the local Arab commander. They then proceeded to the Jewish lines.

The jeep hit a land mine near a roadblock and Commandant Ja Barriere was fatally injured. Commandant de Canchy injured his leg when he stood on another mine while leaving the jeep after the explosion. He was carrying a white flag when he stood on the other mine.—Associated Press.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1. Testimony.
2. Means.
3. Pause.
4. Mental jog.
5. Performs.
6. Grind the teeth.
7. Ambrosia.
8. Spoils.
9. Elastic.
10. Silt.
11. Admitted.
12. Bandwidth.
13. Request for repetition.
14. Propaganda.

Clues Down

1. Cornucopia.
2. Local.
3. Dis.
4. Lull.
5. Animal.
6. Beginner.
7. Join up.
8. Conclude.
9. Always.
10. Entry.
11. Harries.
12. Root.
13. Vegetable.
14. Spiritualist.
15. Of less importance.
16. Concur.
17. Always.
18. Entry.

Yesterday's Crossword
Across: 3. Ambrosia, 7. Odour, 8. Spoils, 10. Editor, 13. Drown, 14. Elastic, 17. Compels, 18. Silt, 21. Similar, 22. Legate, 27. Admitted, 28. Arena, 29. Bandwidth.
Down: 1. Food, 2. Felt, 3. Cornucopia, 4. Rite, 5. Specie, 6. Assure, 9. Precipitate, 11. Droll, 12. Twist, 13. Doodle, 15. Spring, 16. Fleet, 18. Leave, 19. Airman, 20. Medal, 23. Layer, 24. Rags, 25. Rich.

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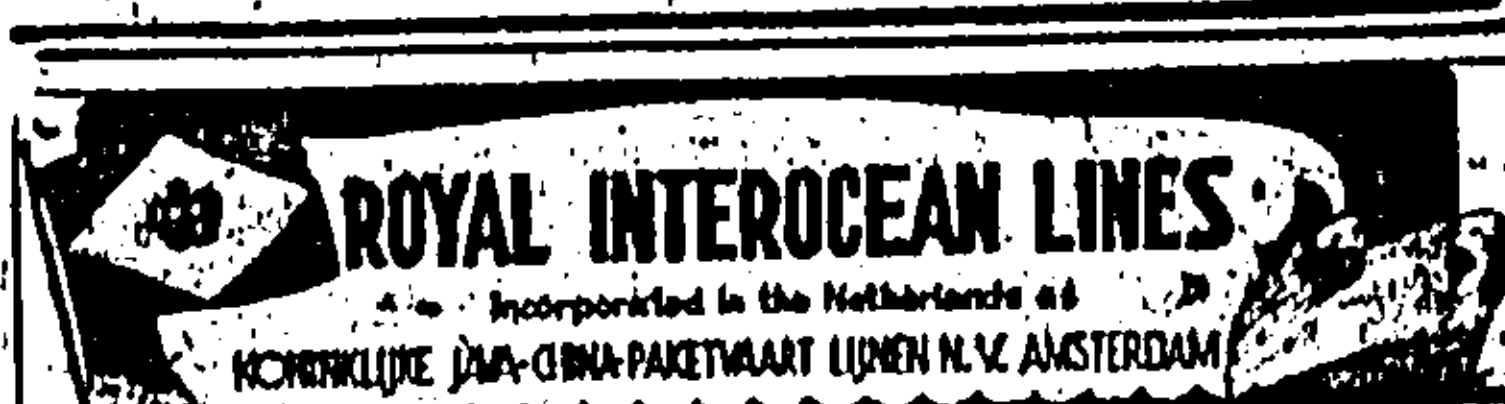
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

EXCHANGE RATE FOR YEN

No Final Decision Yet Taken By SCAP

MILITARY RATE 270 TO ONE
Washington, July 6. US Army Civil Affairs authorities concerned with Japan said today, "We are continuing to consider a commercial exchange rate for the yen, but there is nothing in sight yet."
This comment was in connection with the recent establishment of a new military rate for conversion of dollars into yen at 270 to one instead of 50 to one.

Authorities here said the object of the new military rate "is purely for the relief of military occupation personnel who heretofore have been forced to pay excessive prices in dollars for Japanese goods and services."
Army circles stressed, however, that there is no intention to put occupation forces in a position of advantage in purchasing power over other segments of the Japanese population.

Under Secretary of the Army William D. Draper, who is playing a prominent role in the economic reconstruction of Japan, is in Germany at present in connection with the currency reforms there. It is thought that after his return to Washington he may intensify action on Japanese currency problems, thereby bringing nearer the return of the yen to the world market.

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Cautious Attitude
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SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS
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Buenos Aires—Sovereign, buyers 95.00, sellers 105.00; U.S. Eagles, buyers 172.00, sellers 184.00; Gold, Bar, per gramme, buyers 10.50, sellers 11.00.

Bangkok—Gold, Bar, baht weight of 15.244 grammes unquoted; Exchange Rate (selling), Bangkok on New York T.T. 20.35, London 60.00, Hong Kong 3.71.

Paris—Free Gold Prices: Napoleon 4,200 frs.; French 10 franc coins 1,930; Swiss franc 4,050; Union Latine 3,000; Sovereign 5,200; Half Sovereign 2,240; U.S. Dollars coin (\$20) 20,500; U.S. Dollars coin (\$10) 9,750; Sovereign (in free dollars, per ounce) \$73.5; Napoleons (in free dollars, per ounce) \$74.4; U.S. Dollar notes (in black-market) \$82/253.

Paris Free Market Rates: Ingots: Fine Gold, Ingots, with delivery of counterpart, grammes 234/2; Without counterpart 234/2; Silver Ingots, per kilo 7,700; 4,500; Platinum Ingots, per kilo 755,000; 805,000; Reuter.

Money Market
Gold made a sharp recovery towards the close of the market yesterday. The closing rate was \$310.50 a tola, which was the highest rate of the day. The market opened at \$310.00 and remained more or less at this level until near closing time. The lowest rate was \$310.50. Deliveries totaled 6,410 tolas, of which 2,410 were official and 4,000 unofficial. Plaster opened at \$11.40 and closed at \$11.47 1/2. Chinese National Currency opened at 15 1/2 cents for futures and 22 1/2 cents for spot (for CN\$10,000) and closed at 16 cents and 23 1/2 cents respectively. Ticals were unchanged at \$22.00 a 100. NER Guilders eased off to \$44.00 a 100. U.S. Dollars were slightly firmer at \$3.71. Sterling was unchanged at \$1.30. Australian pounds dropped a cent to \$1.22.

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AUSTRALIA WINS BY A BIG MARGIN

Bristol, July 6.
The Australian cricket tourists beat Gloucestershire by an innings and 363 runs here today. Gloucestershire were all out for 132 in their second innings. The Australians made 774 runs for seven wickets declared in their first innings.

WEEKEND BOWLING

The following are some teams for the week-end Lawn Bowls League.

L.R.C.
"A" Division v Club de Recreo (Away).
Players to meet at the Star Ferry Wharf, Hong Kong side, at 3.30 p.m.:
M.I. Razack, K.M. Rumjahn, A.R. Minu and U.A. Rumjahn (skip).
"B" Division v H.K.C.C. (Home).
I. Kitchell, A.R. Rahman, S.S. Hussain and S.M. Rumjahn (skip).
"C" Division v H.K.C.C. (Home).
A.R. Razack, A.H. Seemlin, A.R. Razack and A.M. Rumjahn (skip).
S.A. Cassambhoy, M.A. Wahab, J.M.A. Ramjahn, and A.K. Sufiah (skip).
Reserves: J.S. Dinnen and D. Trail.

The following will represent Kowloon Bowling Green Club 2nd Team v Recreo "B" (Home) on Saturday:
R.J. Wigginton, H.A. Lammert, E.A. Atkins and G.E. Thompson (skip).
R.P. Phillips, M.L. Hardie, J. Hempey and L. Guy (skip).
W.H. Bailey, K.C. Hamilton, V.C. Dixon and S.H. Strange (skip).
Reserves: J.S. Dinnen and D. Trail.

The following will represent C.C.C. on Saturday:
1st Division v Kowloon Cricket Club (Home).
J.W. Leonard, L.C.R. Souza, A.E. Coates and B.W. Bradbury (skip).
J.M. Omar, W. Hong Sling, A.M. Omar and J.S. Landolt (skip).
A.A. Razack, M.A. Baptista, K.M. Omar and U.M. Omar (skip).
2nd Division v H.K. Football Club (Away).
Francis Lee, A.H. Rumjahn, John Pau and E.S. Franks (skip).
S.A.R. Bux, H.W. Rumjahn, J.N. Wong and A.J. Coelho (skip).
J.H. Xavier, G.A. Souza, C.W. Lam and M.J. Medina (skip).
Reserves: G. Hong, Choy and C.A. Coelho.

The following will represent Filipino Club:
Filipino Club v Recreo on Saturday (Home).
W.F. Johnston, S. da Silva, J.W. Lee and W. Field (skip).
F. Rodriguez, John Cotton, H.Y. Hsu and R.O. Hughes (skip).
C.F. Lee, J. Delgado, Dan Rozario and W. Ogley (skip).
Reserves: R.J. Manalac, A. Dean, J. Laidlaw, A.Y. Lee.

Filipino Club v K.C.C. on Sunday (Away).
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MILITARY TALKS OPEN IN WASHINGTON

Washington, July 6.
Seven-nation military talks to pave the way for direct American armed support of the Western European Alliance began at the State Department here today.

Besides the United States and the Western Union countries—Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—Canada was represented, so that the existing military co-operation between the Dominion of Canada, Britain and the United States could be woven into the scheme. American officials said the talks would probably continue for some months. It was planned to create several committees to tackle various aspects of the subject, they added. Among these aspects were the extent to which the United States would ally itself with the regional military equipment would be supplied to the Western Union countries, and what the European nations would be expected to do in return.

US Baseball

New York, July 6.
Today's Major League baseball scores:
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit Tigers 9, Boston Red Sox 0.
Cleveland Indians 3, New York Yankees 1.
Philadelphia Athletics 5, Chicago White Sox 2.
Washington Senators 4, St. Louis Browns 1.
New York Yankees 1, Boston Red Sox 0.
Philadelphia Athletics 5, Chicago White Sox 2.
Washington Senators 4, St. Louis Browns 1.
United Press.

TEST PITCH COVERED

Manchester, July 7.
With light rain falling from an overcast sky, the Old Trafford pitch for the Third Test match between England and Australia, which starts tomorrow, was covered in its entirety at noon today. The rain was not sufficient to have any adverse effect, but it did mean that the pitch was not in the best of conditions for the first day of the match. The opinion of local meteorological experts is that prospects for the match were good. Major Howard, the Lancashire secretary, who is still recovering from a recent operation, stated that there will be room for 20,000 each day through the turnstiles. Reuter.

HK Football Gossip

Honniball, who has been playing football in Shanghai for some years, will be turning out for St. Joseph's this season. He has represented Shanghai in all post-war inter-ports. Kwong Wah is the only First Division team in the Football League which has no junior team. It is finding it difficult to replace some of their players, who are going to other clubs. The Portuguese Catholic Association of St. Margaret's Church have applied for admission to the Second Division of the Football League. The team will be composed mostly of St. Joseph's junior team.

OLYMPIC WAY OPENED

London, July 6.
A new direct road from Wembley Park station to the Empire Stadium, opened today by Mr. Alfred Barnes, the Minister of Transport, was named the "Olympic Way" to commemorate the holding of the Olympic Games there, beginning July 29. The road, which in effect forms the Stadium's "front door," took a year to construct and, together with other transport improvements in and around Wembley Park station and the Stadium, including a pedestrian subway, cost £200,000. Lord Burghley, Chairman of the Olympic Organising Committee, thanking the Wembley City and Stadium authorities and the Minister of Transport on behalf of sportsmen throughout the world, expressed the hope that the ceremony would prove the forerunner of a greater understanding among the nations of the world which, it was hoped, the great Olympic sporting festival would bring about. Reuter.

Copenhagen, July 6.
The French team of Brixos and Verduin today won the international amateur tandem Grand Prix cycling event here. Denmark was second, Britain third and Switzerland fourth. Reuter.

Dublin, July 6.
Summit, India's No. 1 lawn tennis star, today defeated the Irish open champion, Mr. A. Taylor, the Wexford Officer, in a five-set match, 6/2, 4/0, 6/0, 6/0, 6/0.

EDRICH'S RETURN TO FORM IS PLEASING

London, July 6.
The return to batting form of Bill Edrich, who scored 197 in the match against Derbyshire, and Jack Crapp's century against the Australians must have been the most pleasing features of the matches just finished, from the England selectors' point of view.

Edrich, retained as a Test batsman in the face of strong criticism, drove his power and confidence in both innings (he scored 133 and 64) and not even such accomplished bowlers as Pope, Gladwin and Jackson, all operating four-man leg traps, could subdue his dynamic hitting. Crapp, who just beat the Australians to it by completing his century of the last ball but one of Gloucester's first innings, is only the third English batsman to take a century off the present tourists this season. Joe Hardstaff and Denis Compton are the others. Crapp scored with crisp cuts and flashing drives, and, given his chance, he may well prove to be the left-hander England has lacked since the days of Frank Woolley. Eddie Paynter and Maurice Leyland, included in England's 12 for Old Trafford, found their home ground, took four for 69 against Glamorgan, the present county championship leaders. He also hit six fours in his first innings of 27, which indicates an adventurous spirit which has been lacking in English batting displays against Australia.

UK Golfers Nearly Broke

London, July 6.
Britain's ruling golf body, the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews, said today that there is so little money available in hand that Britain may not be able to send a team to play the Walker Cup next year. The club said the Amateur Championship Fund amounted to £1,000. The cost of sending a Walker Cup team to the United States was estimated at £2,000. Before making an appeal for funds, the club is to seek the views of golf clubs on a proposal that each club contributes annually a sum equal to the annual subscription of one member. Associated Press.

Appeal Against Dutch Blockade

Lake Success, July 6.
The Indonesian representative today asked the Security Council to intervene in what he called the Dutch "economic blockade of Indonesia" by which, he charged, the Netherlands Government was trying to "strangle the Republic." Mr. L. N. Palar, the Indonesian representative, said: "While there is a truce in Indonesia, the Dutch are continuing their warfare without mercy, not militarily but politically and economically." "Now that the Security Council has made a military conquest impossible, the Dutch are trying to strangle the Republic by blocking it politically and economically." "There are definite indications that the political blockade will eventually turn against the Dutch themselves." "The Council will remember that West Java, which was intended to become a puppet State, eventually chose a Republican President and a Republican Premier." "That process is developing inexorably, and time is working for the Republic." "There is another matter in the case of the economic blockade. Here time is not working for us, and the problem becomes more acute with every day that the negotiations are delayed." "In a previous speech, I have already proved that it is not the Indonesians who are delaying the negotiations. It is the delay, each breaking off of the negotiations, is advantageous for the Dutch blockade." "Because of this blockade, the standard of living in the Netherlands is falling." "The United States-Australian proposal means a strong advantage for the Dutch." "Dr. Van Kleeff, in referring to the blockade last Thursday, called it a mere propaganda slogan. Permit me to give the Security Council a complete and true picture of the situation." "The end of the war in the Pacific from the very beginning of the return to Indonesia, the Dutch have been imposing a blockade on the Republic of Indonesia. Their naval and air forces have been carrying it out relentlessly." Reuter.

Singapore Reporter Arrested

Singapore, July 7.
The Malacca Police today arrested a newspaper reporter, alleged to have written an inaccurate article in the Asian-Singapore paper "Sunday Tribune" over the weekend.

MISSING BOAT LOCATED

Manila, July 7.
A 13th Air Force Air Sea Rescue Squadron B-17 located today a small fishing craft with seven persons, including a Catholic priest, believed aboard, which was swept out to sea by high winds on July 4. The plane dropped a lifeboat to the storm victims about 60 miles north of Balabac Bay on Luzon's east coast, and 40 miles out to sea. Three men were observed by the plane crew to have climbed into the lifeboat. Associated Press.

US BOWLS TEAM IN UK

Southampton, July 6.
An American bowls team arrived at Southampton today in the Queen Elizabeth to play 44 matches in Britain during the next eight weeks. Their first match is with Hertfordshire on July 8. A match against the Royal Household Club at Windsor Castle, a residence of the King, on August 28 is considered the highlight of the tour. Associated Press.

Fleet As The Wind



MISS M. PLETTS, of Airedale Harriers, combines speed and grace as she wins her heat of the 100 metres in the Women's Amateur Athletic Association national championships at the Polytechnic Stadium, Chiswick, on June 28.—AP Photo.

Soviet Trying To Stop Planes

Berlin, July 7.
United States air force officers charged by implication today that the Russians were tampering with the Berlin radio beam in another step toward Soviet blockade of the Western airplanes to the city.

The rash of Soviet protests and gestures was taken in some quarters to indicate the Russians were setting out to make the skyways over their zone unusable by the Western powers and thus isolate Berlin completely. It is already blocked in all ways except by air. American airmen were warned today that the radio range on which they set their course into weather-bound Tempelhof aerodrome was "not entirely reliable due to interference from another station."

12TH MAN

London, July 6.
J. H. Wardle of Yorkshire has been chosen as the 12th man for England in the third Test beginning on Thursday in Manchester. No other players will be picked.—Reuter.

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